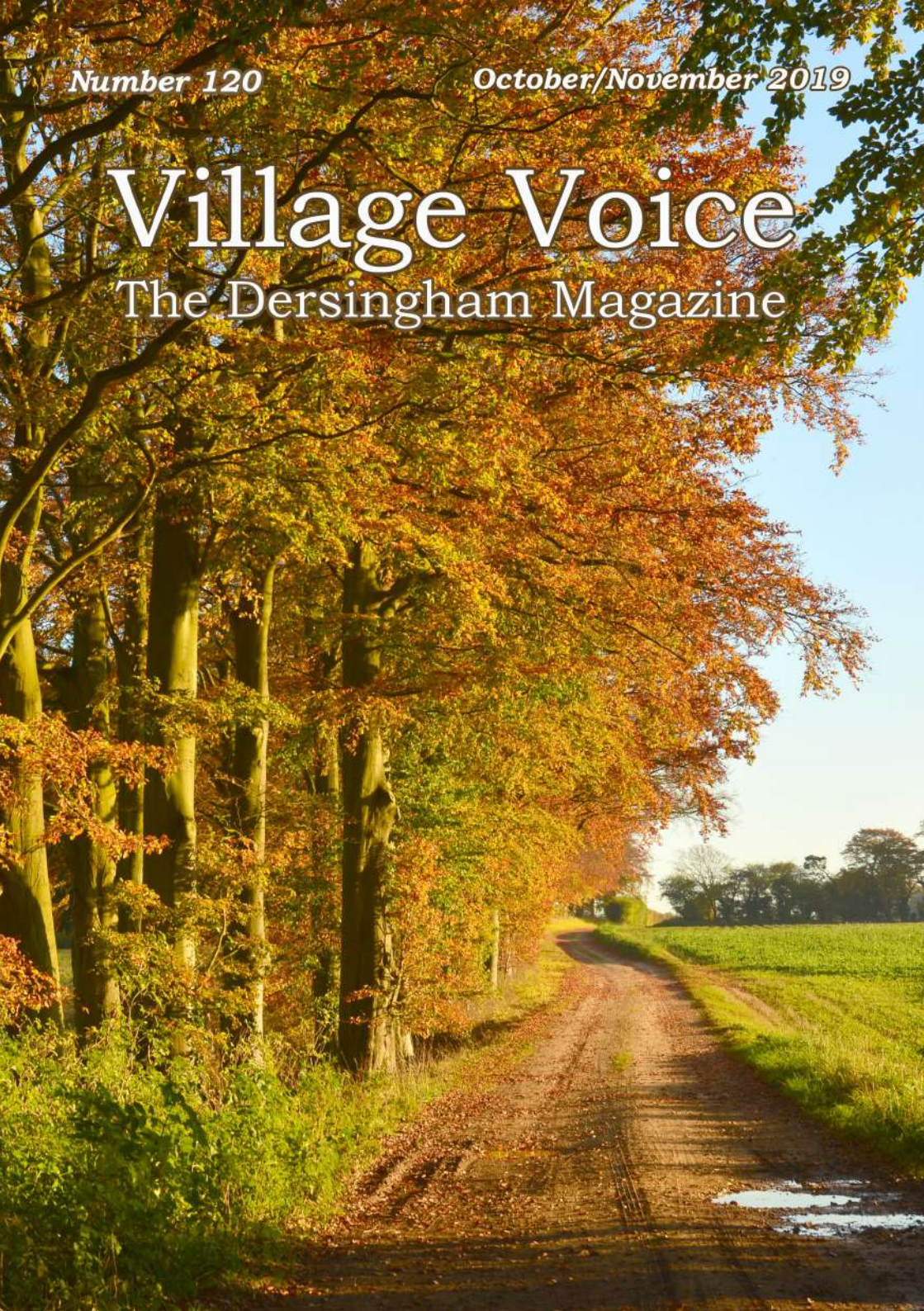


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Editor's notes

Jo Halpin Jones



As I am writing this it is still very warm, although early and late in the day there is a nip in the air. Yes, autumn is coming, and should be



well on the way by the time you read this. The squirrels in our garden are busy harvesting the walnuts, and the blackbirds and wasps are demolishing the figs just before they are ripe for picking. Others in the village report that the squirrels are feasting on their plums, apples and mulberries, again all before they are ripe. I don't begrudge the wildlife a portion of our crops, but they are really getting greedy!

It's been a busy summer for many of the village groups, and autumn brings further activities. There is a new section in Village Voice called **What's On in and around Dersingham**. It's on the inside back cover and is a quick guide to local events.

Families who have lived in the village for a long time, sometimes many generations, may be interested to read Dick Melton's article on a pantomime that took place in 1944. You may recognise yourself, or your parents or grandparents in the photos!

Don't miss *Green Book*, showing at Dersingham Village Screen at the Village Centre on 26th November. I saw this film a few months ago and thought it outstanding. I was delighted when it went on to win an Oscar as Best Picture.

Several people have enquired about getting copies of photographs that have appeared in Village Voice. If you would like copies, please email me at johalpinjones@hotmail.com

Cover photo: Autumn on the Sandringham Estate

Poppy Appeal 2019



The 2019 Poppy Appeal starts on 26th October. You can order a small wooden cross with any badge, and this year you can also order a 75th anniversary D-Day cross, both of which are shown here.



The 75th anniversary D-Day pins will be on sale from 8am with the people outside the Co-op, the newsagents and the Spar. I only have fifty for each location, but if there are any left at the end of the collecting day, the pins will go into the shops' collecting boxes. Please don't assume there will be any left, as I am sure they will be very popular.

If you could spare a couple of hours to collect either door to door or outside the shops, or have any other queries, please contact

Karen on 01485 540236



Dear Village Voice



Some two years ago all the cat's eyes and white lines were removed from the road between Sandringham and St Leonard's Church. After re-surfacing the white lines were replaced, but the cat's eyes were only replaced as far as the edge of Dersingham. More recently the same happened between Dersingham and Shettisham, again after re-surfacing only the white lines were replaced (except for a long stretch in Ingoldisthorpe). Did they run out of white paint?!

I read recently that in 1947, because of their life-saving possibilities being undeniable, a scheme to embed them in Britain's rural roads went nationwide. The initiative to install them was taken by Transport Minister James Callaghan. Does the Council now have a policy of not bothering to renew or replace these excellent safety features, relying instead on the meagre street lighting on these busy roads? Kingscroft is better lit! Since none of the remaining cat's eyes in Chapel Road are serviceable, I think we know the answer!

**D Munkenbeck
28 Kingscroft**

A coach-and-four passing through the village has been mentioned several times, most recently by Dick in his piece in the last issue. The coach came from a riding stable in Darley Dale in Derbyshire, and every year travelled to Heacham, to Callabys who had a riding school in Heacham. The visit was to attend the yearly gymkhana which I think was held on the field next to the mill. The people on the coach were dressed in the dress of the time, and when they came into the village the coach horn was blown. The Dun Cow was used as a place to rest and water the horses; this was in the days before motorways and bypasses, and quite a few people would go up to the pub to have a look. There is a picture of the coach at the pub on the Dersingham History site. I think from the way the coach is facing it was taken on the return home.

Bernie Twite

Ed: *Apologies to Mrs Rispa Reynolds for an error in her letter in the last edition of Village Voice. In the first paragraph it should have read "I knew Patrick's parents", not "partner".*

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Parish Council Report

Coral Shepherd



It has been a relatively quiet summer for the village and the Parish Council as we have had only one meeting since the last edition of Village Voice. This is because we have a recess from meetings in August, traditionally a time for summer holidays for Councillors and more importantly for our hard-working staff.

By the time you read this article we will be on the point of publishing our review into the funding and management of the project to build the Village Centre. As many of you will recall, last summer we had to borrow an additional £200,000 to complete the building works so that the Village Centre could be finished and opened. This gave total borrow for the project of £350,000 which will be paid back over the next thirty years. This amount of borrowing raised many concerns and the Parish Council decided to carry out a review to investigate the causes of the overspend, the governance of the project and to learn lessons for the future. A team of four Councillors (including myself), the clerk and an independent chairman, Ben Colson (chairman of Sandringham Parish Council) have spent many, many hours on this. The report will be made available to the public at our meeting on 30th September and will also be placed on our website. It is a lengthy document but hopefully will allow a greater understanding.

I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere and heartfelt thanks to Ben for all his hard work in chairing our meetings, preparing papers, conducting interviews and writing the report. When I first approached him to be the independent chairman of the group we none of us had any idea of the length and amount of time that the review would take. Ben has given his time freely and has been thoroughly professional and forensic in his approach and I think I am safe in saying that no stone has been left unturned. Without him I have little doubt that we would not have completed such a thorough review, nor prepared such a comprehensive report. I would also like to thank my fellow group members for their hard work and input.

We will have improvements to make to the way we do things and hope that the report will be of use to other Parish Councils wishing to embark on a similar project.

You are all welcome to attend the meeting on 30th September (6.30pm start) and please do take time to read the report. I would welcome any comments that you may have. □

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Cycle down Dementia

Yes, another cycling race is due to pass through Dersingham on 2nd November. The riders will be coming down to the village from Snettisham and Ingoldisthorpe and then passing on through Wolferton, West Newton and Sandringham before returning to the start point at Fakenham Racecourse.

This ride supports Cycling Down Dementia with its charity partner Alzheimer's Research UK. It is part of a three-month series of events taking place from November to January, with this section being in Norfolk.

The riders are due to pass through Dersingham between 9.10am and 1.10pm, spread out into small groups.

Further details of the event can be found at www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/cycling-down-dementia-norfolk/



NHS CCGs planned merger - have your say

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) plan and commission the health care services in our local area. The Norfolk and Waveney CCGs are currently exploring whether to merge into one larger CCG and are inviting people to have their say on this proposal. You can find out more and complete an online survey at:

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Scamp

A story by Allan Coleby

We bought the country cottage from Mrs Johnson and we got her black mongrel, Scamp, with it. Mrs Johnson's husband had died and she decided that the cottage and large garden were too much for her. Life in a city flat, she realised, would be cruelty to Scamp, and so she simply left him behind when she moved.

It was old Norman, from next door, who told us his name. "Scamp by name and Scamp by nature," he said. "You'll see." He did not say what we would see.

Our ten-year-old son, Ken, had longed for a dog and we promised he could have one when we moved to the country. All that summer, the boy and the dog explored the woods and roamed the fields. Each day they brought back treasures: pheasants' feathers, a deserted bird's nest with pieces of turquoise shell, wilted flowers, stones from a nearby brook.

September came, bringing with it school for Ken and lonely days for Scamp. The dog continued to forage on his own, returning with his offerings: old bones, discarded boots, dead rodents. Always, he was home by four o'clock, and when the school bus lumbered down the road, he ran joyously to meet it.

Early one evening, from the narrow road came a screech of brakes. My heart lurched and I rushed to the door. I saw what I feared. A car had stopped, black skid-marks stretching behind it. The driver was out and looking underneath. I ran out, my nerves like a bowstring. When I saw a black dog under the rear axle, an icy chill drove through me.

"Ran out straight in front of me," the driver was saying. "I didn't have a chance. He's alive, though. Shall I ease forward?" "No," I said quickly, with a firmness that belied my inner confusion. "He will panic and you'll make it worse."

Scamp was conscious and was supporting his weight by his forelegs, his head nudging the car's boot. But he was obviously in great pain, and his hindquarters were either pinned down by the car or were dragging uselessly. The awkward angle of his back legs showed immediately that they were broken.

"Scamp! Scamp! Come on, boy." It was Ken, looking from underneath the rear bumper. As the dog crouched, trembling, whimpering, his breath rasping in and out, the voice acted like a tonic. Slowly, he inched forward, his laboured breathing and tiny whimpers continuing. Ken's familiar and well-loved face was all he wanted to aim at. A puppyhood need for love and comfort drowned his pain. Within reach of Ken, he collapsed, exhausted, whimpering faintly. Ken, trying desperately not to add to his injuries, gently pulled him closer, shocked by the feel of fragile bones beneath the skin and the wet, sticky blood that had already matted on the fur. Finally, he raised him, and Scamp visibly relaxed, feeling the firm arms holding him. There was a gaping wound in the small of his back, and his back legs looked mangled beyond repair. Hope drained from me.

I looked at the driver. His face was greyer than the dawn sky and full of helpless pity. "What can I say?" he said. "I tried to avoid him."

A car drew up behind, and I realised my wife must have phoned the vet. He took Scamp from Ken. "Don't worry, son," he said. "We'll do our best." But his eyes were full of despair.

Later, at bedtime, Ken asked if the vet would make him better. I looked out across the fields flooded with amber light. How do you tell a boy that his dog must either die or be a cripple? "Yes," I said at last. "He will."

I went downstairs into the garden. Old Norman was leaning on the fence. "A pity," he

said. "He was a fine dog for a boy." He was trying to make it easier for me by sounding casual, but as I nodded, a lump tightening my throat, I noticed that he rubbed the back of his stiff old hand across his eyes.

I leaned on the fence. The sun had now gone, leaving the world to the magic of cool, thin silver and shadow. The moonlit mist was brimming the meadow, as the first tears scalded my eyes. Why do we not know how much we love something until we lose it?

Amazingly, the vet phoned the next day to say that he had set the bones and the dog would recover, although his back and legs would be permanently twisted. He awaited my instructions. If I wanted him to live under those conditions, he would continue the treatment. I thought the kindest thing was to let him die. What joy would a dog like Scamp have, unable to run and romp again? I told myself that if I let him live it was only because I was afraid of the sadness, afraid of hurting Ken. If I got Ken another puppy, he would soon forget. But I couldn't. Was that all there was to it, trading an old plaything for a new toy? I had a sense that the right thing to do was to let Scamp recover, illogical though it seemed.

A week after bringing Scamp home, I was tidying the garden. It was a perfect autumn day. Our road was a tunnel of gold. Scamp had been nosing the dead leaves. I sat on the steps and he sat awkwardly beside me. He looked up with soft, tender eyes, but then turned to listen. He hobbled off across the garden with a curious rocking movement, to meet the school bus. Ken caught him up in his arms, while Scamp licked his face and squirmed with delight. So they remained for a time, consumed with the ecstasy of being together again.

Watching them, I knew I had done the right thing. □

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Dersingham Works Business Breakfast

Dersingham Village Centre Association will be hosting the next Dersingham Works Business Breakfast on Tuesday 8th October.

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.

To book your place contact Jacqui Farrell at the Skills Service:



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Dersingham Christmas Art Trail

Artists of Dersingham and nearby are now preparing for their annual Christmas Art Trail. This will take place at studios in and around the village on Saturday and Sunday 30th November and 1st December.

The variety of talent in the village is remarkable, with many different types of creativity: paintings, drawings, pottery, fused glass work, handmade cards and photography. The artists will welcome you into their studios, just to come and browse or to talk to them about their work and perhaps see them in action.

There will be more details in the next edition of Village Voice which will come out just before the event opens.□



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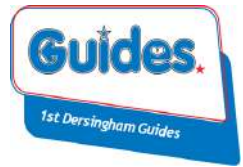
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1st Dersingham Guides

Wind, Pirates and a Helter Skelter - it must be Guide Camp!



This year 18 girls and their leaders from the 1st Dersingham Guides enjoyed a pirate-themed camp at Eaton Vale. The weather forecast included the likelihood of very high winds over the weekend, and as that day corresponded with our day offsite we planned to peg the tents well down and to ask the site staff to keep an eye on them. However, the wind had other plans for us. On the Friday afternoon, as we were putting up the tents, several strong gusts of wind SNAPPED the poles in two of the sleeping tents about 30 minutes before the girls were



due to arrive. A quick dash to the office and Eaton Vale very kindly offered to move us into the tented village (permanent tents/cabins with bunk beds inside!) The girls then helped to move all the equipment we still needed to our new home. Despite a rather stressful start, it turned into a very successful camp.



Over the four days of our pirate camp, the girls enjoyed many different activities and experiences. The girls began by building washstands and sewing a pirate badge onto their patrol neckers - they were in different patrols compared to weekly Guide meetings. The girls also helped with preparing the meals, had inspection, ate lots of cake, earned badges and enjoyed a variety of games and crafts - including making a Turk's head woggle.

As Eaton Vale is an activity centre, we took advantage of the different activities on offer, so the girls enjoyed climbing, picture quizzes, go-karts, archery, crate stacking and raft building. The raft building and crate stacking were brilliant to watch as the girls had to work together and trust each other. They also pulled incredible facial expressions and made very funny noises. For some, falling off the raft, running to jump into the river at the



end and knocking over the pile of crates they should be standing on were the highlights. We also had a trip into Norwich to visit the Cathedral. We were given a tour by the Education Department and made glass mosaic coasters. We met the resident cat, sang Guide songs in the choir stalls and enjoyed our picnic in the cloisters. The girls also explored the "Seeing it differently" exhibition, including the trust trail and a ride down the famous Helter Skelter. While we were waiting for our go on the Helter Skelter, the Guides eagerly watched the wedding that was taking place at the same time - an unexpected bonus. Afterwards we headed towards the river and Pull's Ferry - a medieval watergate owned by Girlguiding Norwich - to complete their walking puzzle trail.



On our final evening we played "Shipwrecked" - a game full of challenges the girls had to complete without being caught by the leaders! As it began to get dark while we were playing, there was lots of instruction shouting as the leaders kept blocking the girls' routes back to their "homes". The evening ended with a campfire; lots of songs and performances and marshmallows!

It was a very enjoyable camp for everyone. There was a great atmosphere and all the guides and leaders had a wonderful time creating some very special memories. I wonder what will happen next year...□



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Dersingham Day Centre

By the time you read this Dersingham Day Centre will be meeting again in the Village Centre after our August break.

Looking back we seem to have crammed quite a lot into our July meetings. At the beginning of July we had a delicious meal out at The Anvil Inn at Congham where we were given a very warm welcome.

The following week we had one of our brain-teasing quizzes which are always very popular – many thanks to Alice Worth for setting these.

Also during July a local group, the Harmony Singers, came and sang to us. Their repertoire was very varied and their voices were really beautiful – we all enjoyed it so much. We celebrated the birthdays of Kitty Stapleton, Bob Harris and Margaret Hewitt with lots of birthday cakes!



We had our usual activities of draughts, cards, Rummikub, Scrabble, knitting, crochet and chatting. The knitting group surpassed themselves by producing a knitted parrot – it had so many different pieces that it was like a jigsaw putting it all together. The finished article looks wonderful!

We were all sad that one of our volunteers, Alison Girling, is leaving (but thankfully she has promised she will continue to bake her beautiful cakes for us!). At our last meeting in July she was presented with a plant and a voucher to thank her for all her hard work over the years. We will miss her.

Looking forward – a date for your diaries – Dersingham Day Centre will be holding an Autumn Fayre on Saturday, 9th November. There will be lots of stalls and also refreshments. Please come and support us.

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 07887486739 □

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True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum

True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum is a heritage site and town museum which tells the fascinating story of Lynn's fishing community: of the men, women and families of the Old North End. Opened in 1991 due to the tireless efforts of Pat Midgley and the Northenders, it celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 2016.

Interested in researching your family history? Need some help? Improve your family history research skills with Vic and Val on Saturday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Museum's Pat Midgley Research Centre. Novice and experienced genealogists are welcome and it costs just £3 per session.

Every Thursday at 1pm from 26th September to 14th November the Museum will be holding the eighteenth series of the popular True's Talks. Admission is free (although donations are welcome), but with ticket only as numbers are limited, so booking is essential. Tickets are available from the Museum now.



True's Yard Cottages

The Museum will also be running a six session local history course from 26th October to 30th November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, in the Museum's Education Room. The course will cover topics such as 'The Port and Industrial Revolution 1869-1914', 'The Merchants of Lynn: The Bagges', and a case study focusing on St George's Guildhall. The course will cost £30 per person and be led by local historian Dr Paul Richards.

A free Christmas Extravaganza will be held at St Nicholas' Chapel on Tuesday 3rd December 6.00pm to 9.30pm. For one night only St Nicholas' Chapel is being transformed into a Christmas wonderland. There will be a pop-up cosy Christmas Market, followed by an evening of entertainment including an organ recital, readings about Christmas Traditions Throughout History, Christmas Carols performed by a variety of choirs including St Edmund's School Choir, Heacham Girl Guides and the Guildhall Singers. Plus, local talented artists Emily Blake and Sean Lang. Not least a very special performance of *A Condensed Christmas Carol!*



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True's Yard is also looking for a part time Volunteer Librarian to assist in the Research Centre. The Museum needs someone who is meticulous and enjoys cataloguing, and who has IT skills. This is a great opportunity to meet visitors and assist with their enquires and research. If you would like to find out more about joining the Museum's team of dedicated volunteers then please contact us now!

For more information about True's Yard's events and to book tickets contact the Museum on 01553 770479 or email info@truesyard.co.uk. Alternatively you can visit the Museum's website or follow them on Facebook and Twitter. □

Old Picture Corner

Tony Bubb

Elizabeth Fiddick came across this mystifying picture whilst looking out another for me. Taken around 1900 on Sandringham Road - there is no clue as to what this gathering was. It was a fairly long exposure but sadly not all the horses knew to stay still – hence the blurring. If you can shed any light please contact the editor.

The second picture shows what is now our village centre shortly after it was opened, together with the old bowlers' hut (the old hut that is, not the bowlers). I wonder what the ladies out front would have made of the hall now.□



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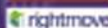
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Quadrivalent, the vaccine for under 64yrs. This protects against 2 A and 2 B strains offering protection for four flu strains. It has now become official policy to use quadrivalent flu vaccine in the UK.

Contact the practice to get your appointment booked!

Dersingham Carpet Bowls

After the frenetic activity detailed in my previous report, the last couple of months have been quiet. Having played home matches against Hilgay and Sporle, and away matches against Hilgay and Paradise (Downham Market), the Summer League has drawn to an end, but as yet the final results are not in. In July Mundford CBC held their annual charity competition. We fielded two teams, but neither progressed to the finals, which were won by West Acre.



The Club's social activities started with David and Judith's annual car treasure hunt. Seventeen participants in assorted vehicles set off at staggered intervals to follow the route, solve fifty-eight visual clues, plus answer sets of random questions in our spare time. After travelling 12.3 miles (if you hadn't made any mistakes en route), we arrived at The Crown, Gayton for a lovely buffet meal. Winners: Wise Aankers. Booby prize: Hopelessly Lost.

On 27th August, as the Village Centre was closed for remedial snagging work, a group of members set off to play crazy golf. This turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year, much too hot for proper competition, but a good time was had by all.

On 5th September a group of twelve members went to the Princess Theatre to see Olly Day and Nigel "Boy" Syer, and their "If it's Laughter you're After" show. A hilarious afternoon of good clean fun was enjoyed by all, with some of the group finishing off the day with a tasty meal. Thanks go to Maureen for organising the social events.

We now move on to the Lynn Sport Winter League where we field teams in the singles, pairs and fours, and look forward to our own Charity Rose Bowl competition in October. Watch this space for progress reports.□



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Alison Kirby

When someone mentions The Salvation Army what is the first thing that pops into your head? There is a certain generation for whom it means a welcome cup of tea when they were in the forces during the war. For others it may be hearing the Army band playing Christmas carols in the snow, and for others it may be *The War Cry* being sold in pubs.

The social work of The Salvation Army is well known; we are the second largest provider of social care in this country after the government and provide drug rehabilitation centres, residential homes for the elderly and accommodation for the homeless amongst other things, but all this work stems from our Christian faith. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by love for God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in his name without discrimination.

Your local Salvation Army Corps (church) is in Alma Road, Snettisham. Everyone is welcome at The Salvation Army and you do not need to be a member or wear uniform to join us for Sunday worship or for any of our weekday activities.

On Mondays at 10.30am we have our Cameo Club - we enjoy a range of activities including quizzes, speakers and outings.

On Tuesdays at 10.00am we have our prayer group and on the last Tuesday of the month this is followed by our Discipleship / Bible study group. Every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm we hold our Band Practice and if you play a brass instrument you would be most welcome to join us.

Wednesdays at 2.00pm is our Friendship group - a time to get together over tea and biscuits and enjoy a discussion around everyday things that have a spiritual application.

On the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm is the Men's Fellowship. There is a different speaker each month or a visit to a place of interest.

Thursdays between 10.00am and 12 noon is our ever popular coffee morning. Come along and enjoy our homemade cakes, scones, sausage rolls and of course tea and coffee.

Every third Thursday of the month we have a Craft Club between 1.00pm and 3.00pm when you can bring your own projects to do whilst enjoying some company and light refreshments.

After a busy week we come together on Sundays at 11am for our Meeting when we spend time in worship. Our meetings are informal, joyful times of praise and worship and our singing is accompanied by our band. The Meeting is followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. You are most welcome to share in worship with us.

On Sunday 6th October is our Harvest Festival. Come along and join with us as we thank God for his abundant provision. On Monday 7th October is our Harvest Supper. Tickets are £5 available from the Salvation Army.

On Saturday 19th October we will be serving breakfast between 9am and 11am. A full English breakfast costs just £5 with as much tea and toast as you like! No tickets are needed, just turn up.

On Friday 1st November we have our Charity Auction. There will be all sorts of items for you to bid on. Viewing is from 6pm with the auction starting at 7pm.

You can also help us by visiting our stall at Snettisham Flea Market held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th November. All proceeds will be going to support our Christmas Toys and Tins Appeal which supplies food parcels and toys for families in need. We also have our Community Shop at 60 Westgate, Hunstanton. Here we sell a wide range of donated items - clothes, shoes, accessories, books, bric-a-brac, furniture and much more. Pop in and see if you can pick up a bargain!

For more information about Snettisham Salvation Army visit our website www.salvationarmy.org.uk/snettisham. You can contact us on 01485 579079 or email alison.kirby@salvationarmy.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook 'Snettisham Salvation Army'

I look forward to seeing you at The Salvation Army soon!□



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Money matters volunteers help older people who have no experience of dealing with their finances themselves, who may find dealing with financial things very difficult or who may be in debt. Many older people have relied on their partner to deal with their finances and after the partner's death they have struggled with the responsibility and have turned to Age UK Norfolk for help. Some older people have a very limited income so find it difficult to manage and have got into debt.

"My approach is something between being a friend and a professional. I explain to the older person what they can and cannot do and what their options are. I don't make decisions for the older person but I do tell them they need to make a choice. I may give them the options and leave it to them to think about until my next visit. I might need to put them in touch with other organisations who can help them. I arrange appointments with my clients myself and so I can fit it in at a time that suits me. I volunteer for two to three hours a week plus travel time.

Older people I have helped include: a couple with enormous debts who cannot really afford to heat their cottage in winter; a wonderful lady whom I help deal with correspondence, writing out cheques when needed; and a lady whose husband had dealt with the finances. He had died and she needed help to set up direct debits and carry out a check that she had enough money to cover expenses.

I was a university lecturer lecturing on the Russian language. I am not entirely retired but I have enough time to do something else and I wanted to give something back to society - if I can help people I will happily do that. I am not a financial expert but I understand bank accounts and spreadsheets. I still do some work for an organisation that arranges placements for students who are studying Russian at degree level, arranging their placements in Russia and dealing with the students and the universities there. I also volunteer for the National Trust; helping at one of their properties."

Age UK Norfolk is looking for money matters volunteers and benefit outreach volunteers in the King's Lynn and West Norfolk area, where we are particularly short of volunteers. Benefit outreach volunteers visit older people in their own homes and help them to fill in forms for attendance allowance and the blue badge parking permit. Many benefits for older people remain unclaimed each year as they are too daunted by the forms to apply. The hours are flexible and full training and support are provided as well as reimbursement of travel expenses. For further information please contact the volunteer coordinator on (01603) 785210, volunteering@ageuknorfolk.org.uk or see www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk.



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Dersingham Village Centre

David Collingham, Chairman DVCA

The Village Centre celebrates its first anniversary this October and the many residents involved in running and using the Centre have given us very positive feedback: we are proud of this new village community multi-use facility.

Over the last week of August, contractors moved in to tidy up the interior (snagging, we call it) and, importantly, enlarge the car parking area, plus lay a new disabled-friendly entrance ramp and a concrete footpath from the main road.

So we are all ready to go for the autumn and winter season with a jam-packed programme of events and activities. For information on our regular weekly activities please visit the website at dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk. You can sign up for informative "blogs" to alert you to special events and also you can join the Village Centre Lottery. Lottery winners in August were numbers: 19, 39 and 22.

Forthcoming special events are as follows:

October

Tuesday 8th	7.30pm	Village Voice Live - The British Library
Saturday 12th	10.00am - 12pm	Sugar Craft Taster Session
Friday 25th	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Tea Dance
Saturday 26th	7.00pm start	Ceilidh and supper featuring Whirligig Band
		Tickets at Post Office
Tuesday 29th	7.30pm	Village Cinema: <i>Rush</i>
Every Thurs in October	10.00am - 1.00pm	The Joy of Food cookery demonstration

November

Sunday 10th	1.00pm	Community Lunch and Beetle Drive
Tuesday 12th	7.30am - 9.00am	Dersingham Works Breakfast
Tuesday 12th	7.30pm	Village Voice Live - <i>Whata Hoot -</i> Gin, its history & how it's made
Tuesday 26th	7.30pm	Village Cinema: <i>Green Book</i>
Friday 29th	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Tea Dance

Regular DVCA activity

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The parish BBQ at the parish church in Hunstanton on Saturday 17th August was a great success. Despite the inclement weather, good food and great company were enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who helped in any way and to those who bought tickets.

The coffee morning/bring and buy on Saturday 3rd August held in the Garnet room raised a good sum towards the refurbishment of the Chalices etc. for the church.

The Harvest Lunch at St Cecilia's is on **Wednesday 2nd October** at NOON after Mass. Roast beef and apple pies by Priors again. Tickets will be £6.00 each, limited to forty. There will be singing and recitals! Please bring your own drinks. There will be tea and coffee. A raffle will be held with the proceeds for church funds.

The Hunstanton Parish Ladies' Shared Lunch will be at NOON on Saturday 9th November at St Cecilia's. The U3A Handbells Group will be entertaining us. Some audience participation may be expected! The person to contact is Pat Watts - 01485 609052. pat.watts@tiscali.co.uk for more information.

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 at 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 at 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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Sandringham Parish News

Ben Colson

Sandringham Parish Council met on 11th September with five of the six Councillors present and apologies from the sixth.

A149 road safety improvement scheme

The main matter discussed was the safety improvements to the A149 through the parish including the new average speed cameras in the sections, outside the parish, from Knights Hill to Babingley and along the Dersingham by pass. It was questioned whether the average speed is measured across both sections as a single batch, or the two separate batches of cameras. Further, there is concern that the signage indicates that they are average speed cameras in certain places but not in others.

Within the parish, from Babingley to Dersingham roundabout, we are still waiting for the final plans to be drawn up by the County Council and put out to public consultation. Back in the spring we commented on their initial plans and we believe that they have taken our concerns into account, but we cannot be sure until we see the final plans. Until the public consultation period has closed, and County has considered any further comments, and then published the legal Orders necessary, we won't see the benefits of the 50mph proposed for the section through the parish or the other improvements we have suggested that they make. It would therefore be surprising if we see anything happening on the ground this side of the New Year and in the meantime the national speed limit of 60mph remains in force.

Reopening of King's Lynn to Hunstanton railway line

A group committed to the reopening of the King's Lynn to Hunstanton railway line was set up a couple of years ago and at a meeting in Norwich on 11th September, Norfolk County Council decided to fund a feasibility study to examine whether the idea has potential and is worthy of formal support. This is an important step forward for the promoters of the plan, but it doesn't mean that we'll see a new line for many years to come, if at all. That is because, even if the County Council decided that it is a worthwhile project to support, it has to go through a complex step by step analysis to present a business case to the Treasury in London. That process, known as GRIP in the railway industry, itself takes many years to complete. However, it is possible to now think of this as a positive step towards doing something to alleviate the awful and worsening traffic conditions on the A149 through the parish.

Search is on for a seventh Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is entitled to have up to seven Councillors but since the four yearly election last May now only has six. We can function with six, but have decided that we would prefer to have a full complement of seven. To improve the gender balance we would prefer a lady candidate and also someone from West Newton would also improve the geographic balance, but neither are set in stone. The role of a Councillor is to represent the interests of the residents of the parish, to attend the meetings which are held every two months and to generally be available and visible within the community. If anybody is interested and would like to meet and discuss the possibility further, please contact us via sandringhamclerk@btinternet.com.

Calling all World War II and National Service veterans

The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund has contacted us to help their search for those who served in the RAF during World War II and subsequently in the years of national service which followed. They and their families are entitled to a range of welfare support from the Benevolent Fund and recently it launched a new facility, the Community Connector,

which aims to tackle social isolation and loneliness amongst former RAF servicemen from that generation. If you think that you could be eligible for support from this organisation please contact them direct on 0300 102 1919 or by email to www.rafbf.org.

Sandringham Club, West Newton

Monthly Tuesday evening bingo is being held on 29th October, 26th November and a special Christmas bingo on 10th December, eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash bingo is on 20th October and 17th November, eyes down at 8pm. Non members welcome at both events. Live entertainment includes a Seafood Night on 1st November and traditional seasonal events during December.

Wolferton village news

St Peter's Church

Really important news on the roof appeal. We are now so close to our phase one funding need (to repair and replace the North roof) that we have pressed the button on this work to start during October. At the time of writing we believe there will be two phases of work, the first this autumn and the second in the spring, but this is subject to change.

However, that is only the first of three phases of work. Phase two is to repair and replace the South Roof; it is not in such a bad condition as the North Roof, but still needs a considerable amount of work done to it. That means that fundraising for that will start in earnest soon with a number of possibly novel ideas being considered. We remain, as ever, open for your help.

Donations are very welcome, and can be given on line at <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/wolfertonpcc>

On Friday 11th October we have our annual Harvest Quiz, held at Wolferton Social Club, tickets available from Judy Scott - 01485 542887.

Church matins or family services at St Peter's are 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. That means upcoming dates are 13th October followed by 10th November. Here's a date for your diary, our annual carol service will be held on Sunday 15th December. Another one for the diary is the fun Carol Singing around the village on Friday 20th December – more details in the next edition of Village Voice.

Wolferton Social Club

The Social Club continues with its various activities, including room hire at competitive rates. Check their website for details. Upcoming special events include:

The Wolf Folk Club meets at the Social Club fortnightly on Thursdays. Forthcoming dates are 10th and 24th October, 7th and 21st November and 5th December.

Cash Bingo evenings in 2019 will be held at the Social Club on 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Prize Bingo evenings in 2019 will be held at the Social Club on 15th October, 19th November and 17th December. □



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Dersingham Evening WI Maggie Guest

Our WI members are never too far away from food and Cyn and Lyn, who organise the dining group, arranged a meal at The Rose and Crown in Harpley. It was well supported as always but this evening was slightly different as it was pouring with rain so our in-house chorister, Geraldine, decided to sing a medley of songs relating to rain, then finished with a rendition of *Jerusalem* which is a national WI song. Other diners were most amused and asked if the group were WI members! Very cheering on such a wet evening, and as well as a good meal, a good time was had by all. The last I heard was that we hadn't been banned from the pub!!

Ten of our members joined Ingoldisthorpe WI for a day out on a coach trip to Fairhaven Woodland and Water Gardens. A very pleasant outing walking through woodland and gardens and down to the lake where the group had a twenty-minute boat ride. Refreshments were enjoyed in their tearooms. A lovely day out.

The Theatre Group, run by Diann, went to see *The Drifters* which was a jolly evening of listening to classic hits we all remember.



Coach trip to Fairhaven



Enjoying coffee morning

Babs has organised two walks recently: one at East Rudham and the other at Sandringham. Both ended up in a café to replenish lost calories! Norfolk Day found some of our members at Sandringham in the restaurant as, due to the rain, a picnic was cancelled. Babs has continued to host and teach the two craft groups. She is so talented and patient with the less able students like me!



Craft group

Speakers at our meetings vary in their

topics. We recently had Zena Plenty from MIND talking about mental wellbeing. MIND is a charity offering a local service and has outlets in King's Lynn and Heacham. There is no requirement for a medical referral and people can go if they feel in need of support from any of the team. I don't think any of our members were aware of this valuable facility.

At the next meeting we had Gill Blanchard who spoke about some of what went on behind the scenes of *Who Do You Think You Are*. Gill is a professional freelance researcher and genealogist. Her home is in Norwich and she was, in particular, very involved in research for Mary Berry and Jonny Peacock amongst others. Quite fitting to discover Mary Berry had an ancestor who was a baker - interesting!! The programme was only meant to be a one-off but got extended and now proves to be one of the BBC's most popular programmes. Much of the research is not used and there are many researchers in different areas of the country. The programme is telling a true, fascinating and interesting story and makes for good TV.



Norfolk Lavender

One of our outings was to Norfolk Lavender. We were taken into the fields by mini-bus and the guide explained the process of cutting and distilling the lavender. After the tour we stayed for lunch in the restaurant. More food!

The next visit was to Sandringham Stud where we had a guided tour looking at various stables and their different uses. They are immaculate! The mares were out in the fields and we were lucky enough to see four foals that had only just gone outside on their own. They were so cute and obviously getting used to their new surroundings. Once in the amazing walled garden, our guide went and fetched Royal Applause who is the stallion



Royal stud

that is standing at Sandringham Stud. We were able to get a good look at him as he came close, but not at his no doubt luxurious paddock and stable. A very interesting visit followed by lunch at Thaxters; so, once again, thank you Wendy!

Meetings are held at St Cecilia's Church next to the Co-op on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. Sometimes we have external speakers and sometimes we have more social activities or a party....with food of course! Hope to see you there. □

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Capital Gains Tax on residential property – all change April 2020!

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Further to the Chancellor's 2018 Budget, draft legislation published in July sets out the changes due to come in next April which are designed to raise additional Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on the disposal of residential property;

additionally, another provision, already legislated for, will ensure that the Revenue are able to collect that tax much more quickly, within thirty days of the sale.

The final period of ownership allowable under Private Residence Relief (PRR)

Currently, there is no CGT if you sell a property that has been your main residence throughout the full period of your ownership (i.e. you receive 100% PRR relief).

Alternatively, where you have lived in the property at some point, but not for the full duration of your ownership, the final eighteen months are currently considered to be automatically exempt, in addition to your actual periods of occupation as a PRR.

From 6 April 2020, if the draft legislation goes through, this relief will be reduced to nine months only. The rules which give thirty six months' relief to those who are disabled, or moving into care, will not change.

The abolition, in practical terms, of Lettings Relief

Another proposed change will have a greater impact on those property owners who rent out a previous PRR before they decide to sell. From 6 April 2020 the current, very valuable, Lettings Relief will only apply where the owner has actually been in shared occupancy with a tenant. This relief was introduced about forty years ago to allow people to let spare rooms without losing the benefit of PRR relief. This change has arisen as the Revenue have noted that the relief is being used beyond the original intention by those who let out a whole house, by turning a previous main residence into an investment property. This proposed reform is effectively abolishing Lettings Relief for a considerable number of landlords. The impact will be to increase any chargeable gain arising on such a property by up to £40,000 per owner. For example, with a jointly owned property, assuming a material gain, a husband & wife could lose relief on up to £80,000 at 28% max., equivalent to £22,400 additional CGT to pay.

Clearly the above-mentioned changes are significant and many people will be affected – for example:

- “accidental landlords” who wanted/had to move but couldn't easily sell their old house, so let it out, and still do so.
- those who have moved into an inherited house and to date have let out their old main residence.
- second homeowners who have downsized to their holiday home and now let out their old home.
- couples who each had a house before moving in together but, for whatever reason, decided against selling one of those properties and continue to let it out instead.

The new legislation is due to take effect from 6 April next year, so there is still a window of opportunity from a tax planning perspective. If the intention is to sell sooner or later, now might be a good time to do so. Alternatively, if the second property is to be gifted down the family this might also be the right moment, balancing a possible CGT charge now against a potential inheritance tax charge later. Advice should be taken.

N.B. Landlords who have never lived in property that they rent out will not be affected by either of the changes mentioned above.

Thirty Day Payment Window

Finally, with effect from 6 April 2020, CGT on residential property gains (i.e. those that are not eligible for 100% PRR) will need to be reported and the tax paid within thirty days

of sale, rather than as part of the annual self assessment liability – so it will be important for transactions of this nature to be dealt with under a very tight timescale. Care should be taken ahead of, and around, the 2019/20 tax year end if such a sale is imminent. A sale on 5 April 2020 would mean tax payable 31 January 2021. A sale completed on 6 April 2020 would mean tax due on 6 May 2020!

This change essentially strips out the initial computation of gain from the self assessment system and makes it a standalone report and payment (although self assessment taxpayers will have to submit a follow up report of the gain on their Tax Return).

If, therefore, you are fortunate enough to be in the position of owning a second property, are currently thinking of selling 'in the short term'; and anticipate that you may be materially impacted upon by the reductions in relief outlined above and require further advice please contact myself or my assistant Nicola Tarry FCA at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or kate@kathryngigg.co.uk as swiftly as possible ahead of any planned disposal, as from a practical point of view, as will readily be appreciated due to the new Thirty Day Payment Window, the challenge for both legal and tax/accounting professionals in getting such transactions reported within such tight timescales, and for taxpayers to pay the tax on time, is going to be considerable.

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It's the Boy Dick again, writing in the 120th issue of Village Voice. I have been writing in the Dersingham Village Voice for over 100 issues and sometimes I have a job to find something to write about. Then, all of a sudden, something comes to me straight out of nowhere.

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A "Pantomime Phantasy" - "Happy Childhood"

I was looking through some old papers (I never throw anything away; when I moved last year I gave away 400 books). Anyway, I came across this souvenir programme written and produced by a Mr Alexander F E Fisher who, about 70 years ago, was a very well known businessman in the village with a fish and chip shop and a crisp factory in Dersingham. I am not sure of the exact date of this pantomime, though by reading through it I think it was about 1947 to 1949. (Ed: later research showed it was probably 1944, with the proceeds going to the "Welcome Home" fund - presumably for returning servicemen and women).

Act 2, Scene 1: The nursery of a home for evacuee infants

It is time for the little people to enter the land of dreams. Nurse in charge: Miss Monica Rolfe; 10 Tiny Tots: Sally Blowers, Pearl

Cross, Pauline Drew, Susan Hadder, Joan Nurse, Mary Nurse, Veronica Pike, Wendy Playford, Mary Riches, Diana Riches. Song and prayers by the Tiny Tots. Nursery rhymes and lullaby *A Mother's Prayer* (by A Fisher): Miss M Rolfe; Angels: Ann Linford and Angela Painter. Interlude by the Accordion Band.

Act 2, Scene 2: Night time in the nursery, Tiny Tots are asleep, dreaming happy childhood dreams

A Pearl of Great Price: Pearl Cross; Fairy: Rita Hyner; Little Lady Make Believe: Diana Melton; Jack and Jill: Sally Blowers and Susan Hadder; Little Bo Peep: Pamela Oaks; Little Jack Horner: Peter Hooks; Old Mother Hubbard: Phillippa Davidson; Little Miss Muffet: Mary Reed; Mary Mary Quite Contrary: Mary Nurse; *Sing a Song of Sixpence* - King: Joan Dye; Queen: Mary Smith; Maid: Rose Bird; Page: Mary Riches; The Seven Dwarfs: Jack Asker, John Emmerson, Owen Green, Ivan Green, Peter Hooks, John Shipton, Malcolm Nurse; Snow White: Myrtle Biggs; Nine Militant Maids: Betty Riches, Phillippa Davidson, Joan Dye,



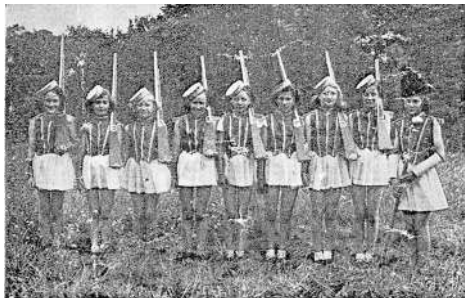
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Doreen Gough, Jane Hunter, Valerie Playford, Margaret Southgate, Margaret Watts, Betty Wright; Little Red Riding Hood: Dawn Asker; Jack the Giant Killer: John Playford; Cinderella: Joyce Reed; Mother Goose: Joy Reed; Robin Hood: Bobby Reed; Dick Whittington: Valerie Playford; Aladdin's Slave: Pat Cains; the Milkmaid: Elsie Batterbee; the Swain: Hazel Todd; and "Betty" the Cow: I Wanda Whosinside. Interlude by the Accordion Band..

Act 3, Scene 1: A drawing room in the children's home

The village children are assembled to celebrate Diana's birthday. Tea is over and they are about to entertain each other with a song and dance. Pianoforte duet: Mary Smith and Rosie Bird; tap dance: Rita Hyner; violin solo: Peter Hooks; *Meet the sun halfway* duet: Myrtle Biggs and Joan Dye; *Lollipop* song and tap dance: Sally Blowers; *Gypsy* accordion solo: Hazel Todd; *Lovely old lady* song: Elsie Batterbee; dragonfly dance: Rita Hyner; *Little man you've had a busy day* solo: Miss Monica Rolfe. Interlude by the Accordion Band.



DANCERS: Dawn Asker, Rosie Bird, Doreen Gough, Valerie Playford, Betty Riches, Mary Smith, Margaret Southgate, Betty Wright

Act 4, Scene 1: School children dancing and playing on the village green somewhere in England

Happy days solo and chorus: Betty Riches; tap dance: Sally Blowers; violin solo: Peter Hooks; *Over the hill* solo: Diana Melton; *Together* accordion solo: Hazel Todd with Margaret Watts and Dawn Asker. Nurse in charge of the infants' evacuee home: Miss Monica Rolfe; Dancers: Dawn Asker, Rosie Bird, Doreen Gough, Valerie Playford, Betty Riches, Mary Smith, Margaret Southgate, and Betty Wright.

We now come to the palace scene. Grand assembly of all players. Finale chorus: Dersingham children

We are Dersingham children as no doubt you know
We are so glad you came, to witness our show,
We hope you've enjoyed all our efforts to please
And that we have managed your troubles to ease,
But now the show's over, we all have to go
From the land of make believe to reality, so
We'll wish you good-night and make each of you keep
Happy dreams of your childhood, while you're asleep
So good-night, good-night, good-night, good-night

*The band will play Land of Hope and Glory
Will YOU join in the chorus?*

THE KING

As I said at the start I am not sure of the date it took place. The poster says it was performed in the Church Hall, but one person said it took place on The Pastures. Those days many things took place on The Pastures, as I don't think the rec was there. I may be wrong. A lot of the people are still round and about; I spoke to a friend of mine who is ninety but she cannot remember it. I am pretty sure it was held round about 1947 and I was living in the village then, so let's have a nice lot of letters telling us all about this wonderful and magical pantomime.

The Royal Family

It was nice to see all the pictures of Her Majesty The Queen. The Royal Family have always been fond of Dersingham from right back in 1862, when they purchased Sandringham. The name Sandringham was taken from the sandy part of Dersingham. In 1948 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth opened St George's school up Dodds Hill. My father had just come out of the army after 25 years. Queen Elizabeth saw him standing at the door and had a chat with him about his army service. This was the only time in his lifetime he wore his medals.

The first time I saw King George VI was when my father and I hiked down to see the King and Princess Margaret open the Wolferton pumping station, also in 1948. Us boys would often see the King out shooting. In the later part of his life he would sit in an open top Land Rover and shoot the game. Queen Mary spent a lot of time at Sandringham after the Second World War. She would go and see Oscar Humphrey who lived in a house near the Dun Cow till he



moved up Heath Road. She would also visit a Mr and Mrs Patterson who had been employed by her as a coachman and a seamstress and lived at No 65 Lynn Road. Then, of course, the Duke of Edinburgh opened the new sports pavilion on The Pastures in the 1970s. You never knew when you would see royalty around the village.

Well that's it for now. There has been some good samphire and crabs about this summer but the cockles have been poor. It will soon be time for some nice mussels. Don't forget, just keep a troshin'.□



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The Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*

Brian Anderson



I am beginning this article in August. For the past two months we have seen a much larger influx of Painted Lady butterflies than usual, so there was little mulling over which species to choose for the next in the Commoner Butterfly series.

The Painted Lady has had this vernacular name since James Petiver first named it in 1699, with a brief excursion to the name Thistle Butterfly in 1795. The scientific species name has been fixed since Linnaeus (1758) but the generic name had a brief period a decade or two ago when it became *Cynthia* rather than *Vanessa*. Then I learned recently that *Cynthia* has been defined as a sub-genus... The ways of taxonomists are mysterious so I'll leave the matter there! In Scandinavia it is known as the Belladonna, in France La Belle Dame and in Spain Bella Dama o Cardero.

The wing pattern of the Painted Lady is reminiscent of the Red Admiral, although the colours are less bright and the patterning more detailed. A freshly emerged Painted Lady is a beautiful salmon pink colour but it fairly quickly fades by oxidation to a muted orange and then a rather dull beige. The orange pink is a pterin-based pigment, the black melanin-based and the white a flavone.



Painted Lady

The presence of the Painted Lady in Britain is entirely dependent on immigration. No stage of the butterfly is usually able to survive the British winter, although there have been some very isolated reports of a very few adults surviving the milder winter of Cornwall. It is known that the caterpillar cannot survive at temperatures lower than 5°C. In some years the migratory influx is enormous. Such migrations were first reported by Moses Harris in 1766 who wrote "there are particular Seasons where they are very plentiful, which happens every ten to twelve Years". Reports from Norfolk in 2009 spoke of the Sea Lavender at the coast being covered with Painted Ladies. I have personal memories of such migrations in 1996 and 2009. In 2009 I was still working in London and I received a message from the London butterfly recorder asking if I would take part in a project to determine the speed and direction (that is, the velocity - it is a vector after all!) of the butterflies once well inland. There is a nice London square near where I worked, so one lunchtime I paced out a distance on the lawn and sat and watched. Over a period of an hour about twenty Painted Ladies flew more or less due north at an average velocity of 9.8 metres per second. So determined were they to maintain direction that when they reached a six storey building at the end of the square they just flew straight up and then over. There was no scientific report following this as it transpired that only he and I had taken part!

The origin of these mass migrations is not entirely clear but it is likely that the weather conditions in the Atlas Mountains in North Africa are significant. A winter of heavy rain produces a big crop of thistles (the foodplant of the caterpillar). This abundant food supply produces a large population of butterflies and by now there are few thistles left, so this generation flies north to southern Europe. Successive generations move north and some reach our shores - every decade or so in very large numbers. Occasionally some

butterflies make the journey all the way from North Africa to Britain. Mass migrations occur in the eastern Mediterranean too. An account written in 1869 describes a huge number of butterflies emerging from their pupae and crawling up vegetation to inflate and dry their wings. The fluid used to inflate is haemolymph, which is red in colour and may be the origin of legends of "rains of blood".

The life cycle of the butterfly is conventional. The female lays eggs on thistle (Spear and Musk Thistles being preferred to Creeping Thistle). When young, the caterpillar feeds on the underside of the leaf. As it grows through successive moultings, it constructs a tent from the thistle leaves until ready to pupate. The chrysalis is formed on the foodplant and the adult emerges about two weeks later. Wing pattern variation is rare but size can vary as malnutrition in high caterpillar densities is not uncommon. In the autumn some of the "home-grown" generation make a return migration, usually direct to North Africa. This was a matter of dispute among entomologists for many years but recent measurements using radar have confirmed the hypothesis - the return migration is usually well above 200 metres in altitude, so it is unsurprising that it was undetected by purely visible means. The direction of migration clearly reverses at some point. It has been discovered that if the caterpillar hatches when the days are getting longer the resulting butterfly will fly north. If the days are getting shorter, the direction is reversed. So far so good - but it simply raises other questions. How does this work exactly? More research is needed!



Australian Painted Lady

The Painted Lady has an almost global distribution. The only continent from which it is absent (apart from Antarctica!) is South America. There is some dispute (here we go with the taxonomists again!) as to whether the Australian Painted Lady *Vanessa kershawi* should be considered a subspecies of the global species, making it *Vanessa cardui* ssp *kershawi*. There are two other species - the American Painted Lady *Vanessa virginiensis* and the West Coast Lady *Vanessa annabella*, both North American. I saw many of the former in an extended visit to Texas in the spring of 1982 and found them quite hard to distinguish from "ours" unless they were at rest. With the wings closed very prominent eyespots can be seen on the underwing of the American Painted Lady. The Painted Lady is as common in North America as it is in Europe. In the US (due to the huge numbers often seen) it is also called the Cosmopolitan or (decidedly uncomplimentary) the Junk Bug. The swarms in North America can be enormous: one Californian swarm was estimated to contain over 3000 million insects!



American Painted Lady

How the rest of the 2019 season goes we shall have wait to see. I will report on it in my annual butterfly report early next year (which will include the news of Green Hairstreaks being officially recorded in Dersingham for the first time!)□



West Coast Lady



Gardening with Disabilities May Davey

Our main outing this summer was to the Mannington Estate near Saxthorpe on Friday 16th August by Eagles Coaches. We had thirty-one members and friends on the trip. Lady Laurel Walpole described what

we would find in the gardens and grounds. Then we had tea and cake in their delightful tearoom, the Greedy Goose Café.

On Friday 18th October Walter Blaney was booked to give an illustrated talk on "Around the World in 80 Plants", but regrettably he is moving to Wales that day

to live near his son. We will miss his excellent talks.



Tea at Greedy Goose Cafe



Lady Walpole shows layout of Mannington Estate

Instead we have Philip West coming with an illustrated talk on "Farming in the Past", with special reference to North West Norfolk. The talk will begin at 2.00 pm at Dersingham Village Centre. He is well known for his interesting information on the history of Norfolk.

On 15th November we will have a talk by Marianne Charles on how to keep gifts of Christmas plants alive, followed by a Christmas tea. There will be crafts to buy from Jeanette and a competition for the best wrapped parcel using plant materials.

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. We meet at 2.00pm and end by 4.00pm.

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The Dersingham Walking Group

Tony Bubb

Yes, the name at the top has changed, Steve has hung up his co-ordinator's boots and I have adopted the role. Regulars will know that our walks usually take place on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month, but we do break out of this pattern, as we have this time, when we visit Old Hunstanton Hall, which is only accessible to the public on Thursdays.

As we do not know who is walking before the walk starts, the leader will always turn up at the start point, whatever the weather, when a final decision will be made as to whether the walk goes ahead.

Our next walks are:-

Thursday 10th October, 2.00pm

An old favourite this time but always enjoyable. Around the grounds of Hunstanton Hall and through Ringstead Downs nature reserve. Start point: car park in Old Hunstanton, grid reference TF688420. Parking £1.00. Leaders: Steve & Lindsay Davis 01485 543138

Wednesday 23rd October, 2.00pm

A circuit of Courtyard Farm, as the one due to be led by Keith earlier in the year was rained off. Details as usual: start point the car park on the Ringstead to Choseley Road, TF721405, length of walk about 4.5 miles. Leader: Steve Martyn 01485 541333

Wednesday 13th November, 2.00pm

A second attempt at the also rained off walk around the lake at Holkham with a stop at the courtyard facilities halfway round. Start point: the free Holkham car park TF892437. Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638



Ringstead Downs

Wednesday 27th November, 1.30 pm

A leisurely 3.2 miles around Fring. Start from Fring Church TF735348. Leader: Keith Starks 01485 542268

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.

Joining the walking group is a great way to meet some of your fellow villagers and to explore the local area. You'll probably discover footpaths that you never knew existed and maybe views that will give you a fresh appreciation of the local landscape. So if you haven't walked with the group before why not join us for an amble through our wonderful countryside.

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!"

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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The Millers' Tale: Part 1

Elizabeth Fiddick



I have always loved maps and can spend ages poring over them, fascinated by the names, details, and information that can be gleaned. As a historian it is the older maps I really favour, especially of this area.



One I am always returning to is Faden's map of Norfolk. William Faden, a geographer to King George III and The Prince of Wales, published his map of Norfolk on 12th August 1797. When I first looked I immediately sought out Dersingham and soon noticed that three windmills were clearly marked in our village. New to the village at the time, I was intrigued as there were certainly no mills or even the remains of one that I knew of at that time.

There was of course Mill Road, so my interest was aroused and once that hare is up and running I have to follow and have been doing so ever since.

Faden's map was the first comprehensive map to show mills and 256 are recorded, of which 86 do not appear on later maps. Certainly I discovered that on Bryant's map of Norfolk in 1826 only one windmill was recorded here at the top of Mill Road and now even that has gone. There was clearly a story to be told.

Domesday Book

The Domesday Book mentions 6000 or so water mills or animal powered mills in the country of which 580 were in Norfolk. (There were not yet any mills powered by wind.) These watermills were mostly very small, set over a small stream and could really only be worked effectively during winter rain. There has been no record yet found of a windmill in Norfolk before the earliest record of one in Norwich in 1235. Subsequently there are many references to them. In the age of Elizabeth I such mills had cloth covered sails and many were two or three storeys high. In Norfolk they were usually post mills where all the machinery was contained within the wooden body that revolved on a massive upright post supported by quarter beams and crosstrees to face the wind.

Prior to the industrial revolution the mill was the principal means of providing bread for the mainly rural population. Milling is one of the oldest human occupations. Miller and Milne are still very common surnames. When the mills were built bread was a vital part of the peasants' diet and a farmworker's wages could be largely taken up by the cost of having his corn ground. This would be grain he had grown himself or, as in many cases, had gleaned from his Lord's fields.

The peasant was obligated to grind his corn, bake his bread and brew his ale at the Lord's mill, bakery and brewery; "Suit of Mills" and "Suit of Oven" as they were known. He also had to pay the miller customary charges known as "Banalities". The miller himself would pay a fee to the Lord of the Manor for the right to grind the corn and bake the bread in the Lord's Mill. This would of course enrich the Lord but gave the opportunity for chicanery and oppression. The miller was often wealthier than the ordinary peasant and this gave rise to jealousy and suspicion. The miller was frequently accused of associating with thieves, cheating his customers, and was a prime target in the bread riots that erupted at times of famine.

The Old Baking Trade

The trades of miller and baker were first carried out by the same person, as the miller would have premises close to the mill where he would bake the bread. There were at least twenty sorts of bread made in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, such as the Court loaf, the Knight's loaf, the Squire's loaf etc. "Table loaves" served at the tables of rich Lords were of a size that one was big enough for a man of ordinary appetite even after the crust was cut off. It was considered the height of good manners to offer this to the ladies who would soak it in their soup. The servants were given an inferior bread known as "common bread". It was most unlikely that you would have found white bread on the tables of the ordinary villager. The coarsely ground "dark bread" made from wheat and rye known as maslin was far more usual. There was also Horsebread made from a soft flour of ground peas, bran and beans. A brown whole grain bread known as "tout" was cut into slices when it was old and stale to be used as a trencher or plate. Afterwards it could be soaked in the juices of the meal and fed to the pigs.

The miller was long suspected of short weighing and overcharging. Many refused to operate the mill when the customer was present for obvious reasons. I have just read that the well known expression "keep your nose to the grindstone" dates from this time but that the second part of the saying "and keep your eye on the road" is omitted now. It refers to the fact that while tending the grindstones, the miller would keep a beady eye out for approaching customers when he would stop working the mill until they had left or were out of sight. Then and only then would he restart milling and safely continue his dubious practices undetected.

An important part of the miller's job was to test the quality of the grain by repeatedly taking samples of the grain and rubbing it between his thumb and forefinger. Over time his thumb would change shape becoming broad and flattened giving rise to the expression "miller's thumb". An old saying states something is "worth a miller's thumb". An honest miller "hath a golden thumb", referring to the profit he could make due to his skill. So fairly or unfairly songs and tales were told of the miller's greedy and stingy reputation. In *The Canterbury Tales* by Chaucer *The Reeve's Tale* was about a dishonest miller who is ridiculed and repaid for his cheating.

Windmills in our area

In the Domesday book it is recorded that Anand, a freeman of Dersingham, held several acres of land here, 1 mill, 1 fishery, 1 salthouse, 40 pigs, and 646 sheep. Our near neighbour Snettisham was at this time the third largest town in Norfolk with 7 mills, 3 fisheries, salthouses, and 440 sheep. In the thirteenth century there was just one working post mill and only one was recorded in 1834. However in 1800 when bread was scarce, the harvests having been poor, £800 was raised by subscription to build a watermill. The flour produced



Snettisham Water Mill today



Snettisham Water Mill datestone

was then measured out for the poor of the parish. In a general view of agriculture in the County of Norfolk carried out in 1804 it states, "An establishment at Snettisham which has been found of the greatest use to the poor and has answered every expectation is a subscription watermill. It cost £800 and a miller is employed at 20s. a week to grind corn at 4d. per bushel for all persons whencesoever coming."

This watermill produced flour until 1940 when it went over to animal feed production until 1960. It was renovated in 1981 after falling into disrepair and by 1984 was back in operation giving milling demonstrations to the public. I remember visiting it on several occasions, watching the great wheel turned by the rushing water over the weir and seeing the huge grindstones at work. However, it did not last and again gradually deteriorated. In 2004 the villagers made an application to the Lottery Fund in order to restore the mill but the bid was unsuccessful. It has now been converted into residential units but the building has been saved and you can still walk past, read the inscription stone of 1800 and listen to the rush of water as it tumbles over the sluice and let your imagination do the rest.

A valuation of property during the reign of Edward I (1272-1307) at another of our near neighbours, the lost village of Babingley, records arable land producing wheat and rye; pasture, enclosed meadow, marsh and heathland producing salt, turf and wood with one windmill. This was in ruins by 1377 and a watermill recorded earlier was noted as derelict at about the same time.



Remains of Sedgeford Mill

The three storey towermill at Sedgeford with records going back to the seventeenth century was struck by lightning in 1910 and burnt out. By 1949 it had been reduced to a stump and thirty years later the mill site was part of a garden and the shell of the tower was used as a store.

The postmill at Heacham used to stand north-east of the village on the high ground close to where Caley Mill still stands today. There was a postmill at West Newton whilst in Ringstead the northern and southern postmills stood a few yards apart in the north of the village.

The mill at Mill Hill

So what about the mills here in Dersingham? There were three: Mill Hill, Mill Road, and Mill Way. They were postmills but the most elusive is Mill Hill. It only features on Faden's map of 1797. I found another reference to it in an extract from the Dersingham Enclosure Award which lists the charitable and public allotments awarded as a result of that Act of 1778. This describes a road leading from the main road down to the Marsh Common allotted to Mr. Dixon Hoste of Ingoldisthorpe Manor Estate. From it another road branches off to further land of Mr. Hoste on which stood the windmill. If you walk along Broadland Close on the Mountbatten Estate you will come on your left to a pleasant open stretch of grassland that overlooks the old station and on out to the Wash. It was in this position, where the stand of conifers is, that the windmill stood. On the old maps you can see the tracks winding down to it from the main road. One is now Station Road and Whitehorse Drive follows part of the other. From the Tithe Map of 1839 we find that the owner of the small enclosure where the mill had stood was a Charles Smith. The occupier is listed as John Wells who also farmed the arable and pasture land, owned then by Robert Elwes, that surrounded it and now forms Mountbatten Estate. John is also recorded as manager of The Dun Cow, the public house that used to stand where the Co-op now trades.

The fate of that windmill and the names of the men who worked it remain a mystery for now. However, when you consider its exposed position facing the frequent storms that blew in from The Wash, one possible reason for its demise springs to mind. In part 2 I will tell the story of the other two mills, and the millers and the bakers who baked our daily bread.□



Spot the Difference

Rev Mark Capron



Spot the difference pictures seem to have a fascination as people like to notice what is different, Autumn is no different as we spot the gradual differences of the leaves on trees both changing colours and then falling off. We can all make a difference through our

lives; yet it is sadly often at someone's funeral when the real insights into a loved one's life are shared and the differences they made to other people are recognised.



As people we can make a positive difference to others and also to God. Jesus in his parable referred to as the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21) tells of a man who kept wanting more and was not satisfied with the increased return he was able to get from his crops, to the extent that he built bigger barns for the surplus. Richness to God is one of the threads of Jesus's message. My late grandfather many years ago would often say it's no good being the richest person in the graveyard - it won't make a difference. He was very right. With earthly richness comes responsibility and the challenge of how to use what God has blessed us with to make a positive difference, to the extent that some people decide to become philanthropists, seeking to make a difference with the blessings that they have been fortunate to receive. Jesus points us to a

richness that is to God a richness that honours and loves God. We can all make a difference and it doesn't need to be financial; it can be offering one's time or skills to bless others. We can make a difference in how we live our lives and the positive impact we can have towards others. The direction we choose can have a big impact. How could we make a difference for our community?

Flower Festival

In July St Nicholas Church hosted this year's Flower Festival. People stopped me in the street and in shops to tell me how good it was; that is all credit to the big team of people who made it possible. Thank you to everyone who did their part in making a difference, we look forward to next year's in July 2020. On that Sunday we had a wonderful combined worship service with the worship band, organ, trumpet and the church choir leading the worship. The church choir also sang a lovely anthem *Look at the World* by John Rutter. Thank you also for all those who came to enjoy and support the Flower Festival.

Forthcoming Events

13th October at 10am: **Our Combined Harvest Festival Service** and a **Bring & Share** afterwards for those who wish. Our Harvest Gifts will as always will be divided between the local Food Bank and the local Women's Refuge. We try to provide nice "smelly things etc" for the mums who have fled abusive lives and usually arrive at the Refuge with only what they can carry.

Light Party: as last year we will be holding our alternative to a Hallowe'en party in the Village Centre – more details will be available later on our website.

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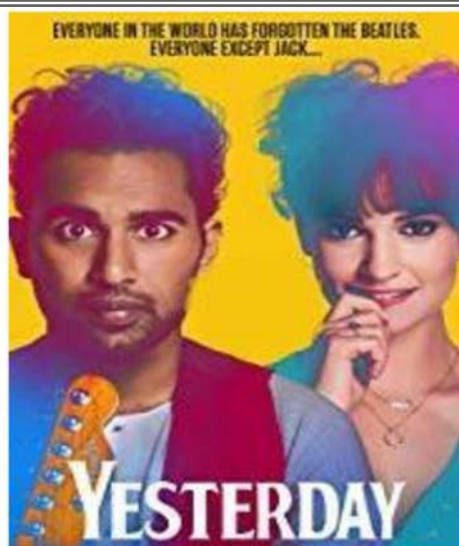
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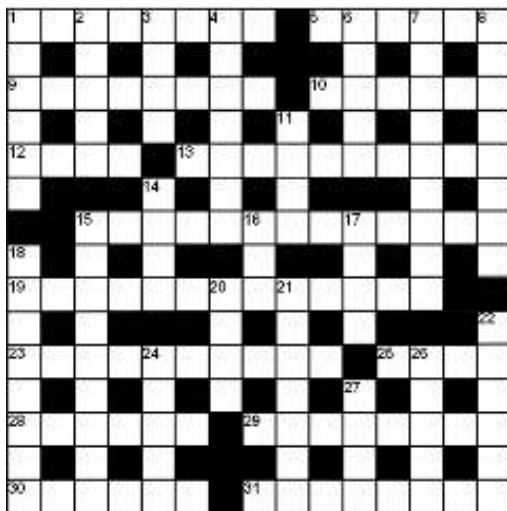
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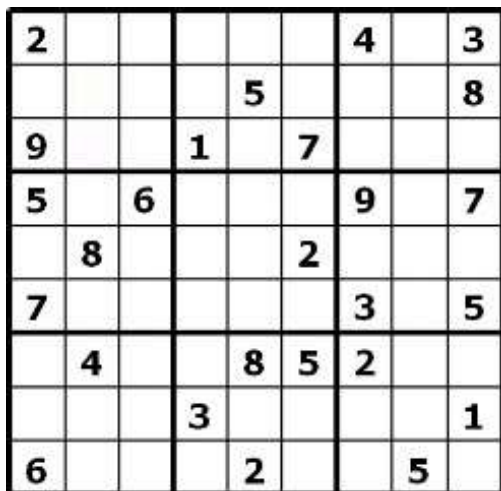
- 1 Shrugging off gin Ringo mixed (8)
- 5 Engineer faster air warfare (6)
- 9 Idea to promote further growth (5,3)
- 10 Close combat raged against youngster (4,2)
- 12 Actors assembled in Inca street – or left them in a muddle (4)
- 13 Hares run wild over ocean bird (10)
- 15 Sick patients yearn to see someone down under (5,8)
- 19 Ground scene laid around Miss Daly to form tasty outlets (13)
- 23 Worried Nora needs help somehow to reach Nova Scotian instruments (10)
- 25 Face off at the brasserie (4)
- 28 Try gin and tea cocktail while enjoying meal (6)
- 29 U.S. city using northern Greek dialect across 'The Pond' (8)
- 30 Play two sets and fly – by African airways? (6)
- 31 Found him broadcast in camera across 29 (8)



Down

- 1 I'm leading secretary into court clash (6))
- 2 Northern organs close in (5)
- 3 Book rugby union tight head (4)
- 4 Nothing unknown and disobedient (7)
- 6 It's worth working for a fling (5)
- 7 Health centre moves north over small desires (9)
- 8 English rompers knitted for penguins (8)
- 11 Prohibit railway running through grainstore (4)
- 14 Object thrown in stadium missed us and made a record (4)
- 15 Steel trap working in the manufacture of nitrate (9)
- 16 Beer 25% off vending English and French articles (3)
- 17 Eastern retreat for British P.M. (4)
- 18 Jade can't dance in the neighbourhood (8)
- 20 Machine officer turned up wearing spectacles (4)
- 21 A.N.C. must meet someone in the retreat (7)
- 22 Order one cab and signal (6)
- 24 Irish town drunk dressed up to this (5)
- 26 Room for spies to return and surround races (5)
- 27 Secretary takes posh car to see young swimmer (4)

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WORD WALL by Philip Neal

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

DINER	CORVETTE	ARM	CHALICE
AWE	BRASSERIE	BOARD	SCHOONER
GOBLET	BISTRO	CANTEEN	FRIGATE
CAFETERIA	ARK	WHERRY	CAST

Hunstanton and District Lions Club Turkey and Tinsel Xmas Dinner 2019

It's only September and here we are already preparing for Christmas. By popular demand we are again holding our "Turkey and Tinsel" Christmas dinners for the Senior Citizens of Hunstanton and outlying villages.

Venue: The United Services Social Club, Homefields Rd, Hunstanton

When: From Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December (two sittings a day - early sittings do not have to vacate their seats for the second sitting).

How Much: £9.50 per head for an excellent three course meal with tea/coffee.

Application Forms: from Lion Chris Holt (01485 541534) or collect from 4 Bewick Close, Snettisham, PE31 7PJ (or send an S.A.E for a postal form)

email: mail@chrisholtphotographic.co.uk

Forms also available from the United Services Social Club.

Get in early to avoid disappointment as last year we were oversubscribed, yet again! □



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Dersingham Library Events

October and November

For further information about events and to book please call 01485 540181
To be added to the mailing list please contact Kerry Lingwood by emailing
kerry.lingwood@norfolk.gov.uk

Dersingham has 'Open Library' meaning you can access the library between **8am and 7pm Monday to Friday** and **10am-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 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 10.30-12noon

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 1st October & Tuesday 5th November 1pm-3pm

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

Colour yourself calm: Wednesday 2nd October & Wednesday 6th November 10.30am-12noon

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

Mini Movers: Saturday 12th October & Saturday 9th November 11.00-12.00

Let's get active with exercise and music. Free session for pre-school aged children. Booking essential. Please see staff or call 01485 540181

Crime Book Club: Monday 14th October & Monday 11th November 5.45pm-6.45pm

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

Gardening Club: Wednesday 9th October & Wednesday 13th November 2pm-4pm

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

Police Engagement Surgery: Wednesday 16th October & Wednesday 13th November 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 21st October & Monday 18th November 5.45-6-45pm

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

Dersingham Library Friends: Wednesday 20th November 12.30pm

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

Walk and talk group: Thursday 17th October & Thursday 21st November 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.

Dersingham writer's group: Tuesday 29th October & Tuesday 26th November 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 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.

Need help with your computer, phone or tablet?

Why not book a one-to-one session with our computer buddy? Please ask staff for details.

****Special Event as part of Get Online Week: Monday 14th October 5pm-7pm and Wednesday 16th October 5pm-7pm****

Dersingham Library is offering **free** Learn My Way Training Sessions. These are basic computer help modules for things such as using a keyboard and mouse or touchscreen, setting up/using email, using online forms, Facebook safety, using a computer for job hunting and safe shopping online. For full details and to register/book please see staff.

Family History volunteer

If you are interested in finding out more about your family history, you can book an hour one-to-one session with our family history volunteer. All ranges welcome from complete beginners or people just looking for a little help or advice.□

COMMUNITY UPDATE

West Norfolk Community Engagement Officer Drop-in Sessions

Community Engagement Surgery with PC Lee Anderton

Wed 16 Oct, Dersingham Library 2pm-4pm
Thurs 24 Oct Dersingham Village Centre 10am-12pm
Wed 13 Nov, Dersingham Library 2pm-4pm
Thurs 28 Nov Dersingham Village Centre 10am-12pm

You can discuss any concerns you may have in your local area, get advice on staying safe online, find out how to protect yourself from scams and cold callers or find out about working or volunteering with Norfolk police.

No need to book an appointment.

 Engagement surgery for the public to attend.

 Call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

 Talk to your Beat Manager and Engagement Officer

 Lee.Anderton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

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Joy of Food

A successful FREE taster (excuse the pun) event took place at the Village Centre on 13th June. Linda from Joy of Food cooked two versions of a Pot Noodle, but with fresh, locally sourced, ingredients. It was a friendly session and included tips on food safety, with all attendees enjoying sampling the dishes, some of which you can see here.



Following on from this, we are hosting FREE four-week courses, which started in August. The next one is in October, and sessions will take place on Thursdays between 10am and 1pm. Drinks are provided. We are also planning to run one in November.

We are pleased to work with Norfolk Community Learning to provide opportunities like this. For more information and to book on courses, call Dersingham Village Centre Association on 07790 349896.□



**Please come along to our new season of lectures
at Sedgeford Village Hall, visitors most welcome:**



Monday 14th October - 2.00pm

Royal Jewels and the American Heiress:

Antique Treasures for the New World

American millionaires intent on creating palaces of their own, filling them with the greatest paintings and furniture and weighing down their wives and providing their daughters with a dowry of the finest of royal jewels.



Monday 11th November - 2.00pm

Wigs, Waistcoats and Weepers:

Power Dressing in the 18th century

Insights and shortcuts to High Society power dressing in the 18th century. From the latest fashions from France and the finest fabrics from Italy, it was essential to the 18th century gentleman or woman as a comment of taste and style.

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Visit www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk for more comprehensive information about these lectures



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Crossword Answers

Across

1 Ignoring. 5 Strafe. 9 Plant out. 10 Wrap up. 12 Cast. 13 Shearwater. 15 Spiny anteater.
19 Delicatessens. 23 Alpenhorns. 25 Café. 28 Eating. 29 Atlantic. 30 Tsetse.
31 American.

Down

1 Impact. 2 Nears. 3 Ruth. 4 Naughty.
6 Throw. 7 Appetites. 8 Emperors.
11 Barn. 14 Disc. 15 Saltpetre. 16 Ale.
17 Eden. 18 Adjacent. 20 Tool.
21 Sanctum. 22 Beacon. 24 Nines.
26 Attic. 27 Parr.

Word Wall answer:

Over...: ...arm, ...awe, ...board, ...cast

Drinking vessels: chalice, canteen, goblet, schooner

Boats: corvette, frigate, wherry, ark

Eateries: diner, bistro, brasserie, cafeteria

Sudoku Answers

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

DERSINGHAM VILLAGE SCREEN

Presents on

October 29th at 7:30pm

at **Dersingham Village Centre**

RUSH



A biographical film
telling the story of the
rivalry between Nikki
Lauda and James Hunt,
focussing on the 1976
Formula 1 racing season.

(Cert 15)

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Children (under 16) half price

Licensed Bar available

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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Dersingham Village Centre Association, Charity No 1178462,
in partnership with Creative Arts East



DERSingHAM VILLAGE SCREEN

Presents on

November 26th at 7:30pm

at **Dersingham Village Centre**

GREEN BOOK



**A working-class Italian
-American bouncer
becomes the driver of
an African-American
classical pianist on a
tour of venues
through the 1960s
American South.
(Cert 12)**

**Tickets £5 include tea/coffee/squash
& Mince Pies (a pre-Christmas treat)
Children (under 16) half price
Licensed Bar available**

Dersingham Institute Bowls Club

by Jan Rawstron

It's hard to believe that by the time you read this, yet another bowls season will be over. As usual we have packed a lot into the five and a half months we have been bowling, including a table-top sale on the weekend of 20th and 21st July. Thanks to all who supported this event which raised just over £100.

We are very active in the local leagues, and have had mixed results this season. Our North West Norfolk team struggled somewhat in the league, but may still remain in Division 1 next season. On the plus side we reached, for the first time, the semi-final of the Subsidiary Cup, losing over two legs to Burnham Coronation. Our Countryside team reached the final of the Knockout Cup, losing out to Searles Bowls Club, and have finished in second place in the league. Our Albert Victor sides have had contrasting seasons with two matches still to play; the A team are in contention for promotion, the B team has suffered from not being able to field a settled side, and is unfortunately in danger of relegation to Division 4. All the team Captains have expressed their thanks to their respective teams for their commitment and efforts.

Our internal Derek Newell League held on Wednesday afternoons has one game left to play, but the Starlings team are in an unassailable position, and will win the league for the second year running. Congratulations to the team of Dave Graves, Brenda Hollywood, Ruth Ince, Graham Keeley and Kevin Mayor.



Our gazebo team made a great job of getting everything ready for everyone to enjoy their meal.

We also played the return match of our two-leg annual friendly against our friends at Cliff Parade Bowls Club, Hunstanton on 18th August, winning three of the six blocks in a closely fought match. A few of our newer players took part and all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

We eventually played the return leg of the Ladies v Men Challenge which had to be postponed from 27th July due to bad weather. This year the men came out on top, winning both legs in this enjoyable event, played in a spirit of friendly rivalry. This was followed by a fish and chip supper, cooked on site by The Village Fryer, and finished with a raffle in aid of the RNLI Hunstanton, which raised £80.

This brings us to our green closure on Saturday 21st September when we will have a roll-up followed by a finger buffet. But we still have our Presentation Lunch at Briarfields restaurant to look forward to on 18th October, when all the trophies won during the season will be handed out, after what I'm sure will be a lovely meal. November brings our AGM on the 12th, when our members have the chance to air their views.

However, even though there is no bowls over the winter period, our Vice-President Dickie Murrell organises the Winter Warmers on Wednesday afternoons, where members stay in touch by having games of bingo and darts. Something to look forward to indeed. □



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What's On in and around Dersingham

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This is a summary of local events, most of which are covered in more detail either in articles or advertisements within Village Voice. See the Dersingham Library entry on pages 62-63 for a full list of their many activities

October

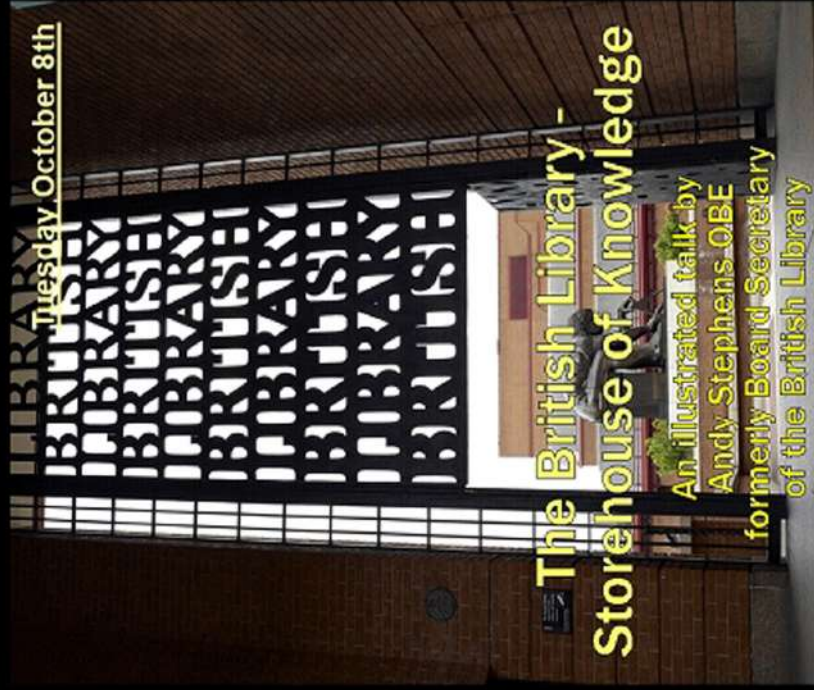
- 2nd Oct: Docking local produce market 9am-1pm every Wednesday
- 2nd Oct: Harvest lunch at St Cecilia's, Mountbatten Road at noon
- 6th Oct: Sandringham charity horse ride
- 6th Oct: Family walk for Brain Tumours, Holkham 10am-4pm
- 8th Oct: Business Breakfast at **DVC** 7.30-9.30am
- 8th Oct: Village Voice Live: The British Library at **DVC** 7.30pm
- 9th Oct: Library garden working group 2pm-4pm and 13 Nov
- 12th Oct: Sugar Craft free taster session at **DVC** 10am-12noon
- 18th Oct: *Farming in the past*, Philip West, Gardening with Disabilities at **DVC** 2pm
- 18th Oct: Craft Fair for Tapping House at **DVC** 10am-12noon
- 19th Oct: Phobbies sale at Methodist Church Hall 11am-1pm
- 23rd Oct: Christmas market at Park House 10.30am-4pm
- 25th Oct: Tea Dance at **DVC** 2.30-4.30pm
- 26th Oct: Methodist coffee morning 10am-12noon
- 26th Oct: Ceilidh and supper at **DVC** 7.00pm
- 27th Oct: Sandringham farmers' market 10am-3pm & every 4th Sunday
- 29th Oct: Village Screen - *Rush* at **DVC** 7.30pm

November

- 2nd Nov: Cycling down dementia, cycling through the village 9.10am-1.10pm
- 9th Nov: Day Centre Autumn Fayre at **DVC** 11am-3pm
- 10th Nov: Community lunch and beetle drive at **DVC** 1pm
- 12th Nov: Village Voice Live: Whata Hoot gin tasting at **DVC** 7.30pm
- 15th-17th Nov: Sandringham Christmas craft, food & gift fair
- 17th Nov: Rock Choir in aid of Park House at **DVC** 2.30pm
- 23rd Nov: Methodist Christmas Fayre 10am-12noon
- 26th Nov: Village Screen - *Green Book* at **DVC** 7.30pm
- 29th Nov: Tea Dance at **DVC** 2.30-4.30pm
- 30th Nov/1st Dec: Dersingham Christmas Art Trail - around the village 10am-4pm

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday October 8th



The British Library - Storehouse of Knowledge

An illustrated talk by
Andy Stephens OBE
formerly Board Secretary
of the British Library



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

Alan Tennant
Dersingham Village Centre

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday November 12th



WhataHoot
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Gin - it's history & how it's made,
Taste it, buy it,
with local distiller
Jason Crown



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

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