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The passing of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

I wish to express the sadness of the Parish Council and the people of Dersingham at the news of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We remember with affection and gratitude his lifetime of service to this country and his loyal devotion to Her Majesty The Queen.

I will not dwell on his lifetime of achievements as they will have been covered in the national press, but three words sum up his life – love, duty and tradition. This is evidenced in his impact locally. Soon after the accession to the throne of Her Majesty, The Duke became responsible for the stewardship of the Sandringham Estate. He worked tirelessly in the background making changes to the running of the estate to ensure it became the success that we see today. One of the most visible changes, greatly appreciated locally, was the creation and opening of the Country Park to the public, which meant that we could all enjoy the pleasure of freely walking in the splendid woodland. This was followed in the 1990s with the opening of the visitor centre, where local people mingled with visitors from the world over.

The Duke was particularly fond of this part of Norfolk and, since his retirement from public duties at the age of ninety-six, has spent much of his time living quietly on the Sandringham Estate. Many residents will have their own memories of meetings with the Duke, whether it be at an official function or a chance encounter. We will cherish these memories and say a big thank you to a special man who will be much missed.

Coral Shepherd
Chairman of Dersingham Parish Council



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Editor's notes

Jo Halpin Jones

I echo the heartfelt condolences expressed by others in Village Voice upon the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He was a well-known and popular figure locally and many people have their own special memories of their interactions with him. We were indeed fortunate to have such strong local connections.

It feels very strange, and yet quite quickly very normal, that we can start to have closer contact with people. I have finally had my first haircut in about five months, not having squeezed in before the last lockdown. I have met with family and friends in gardens, albeit well wrapped up in cosy coat and scarf. I enjoyed a luxurious head massage at my house - oh what bliss. At last I have returned a pile of library books (which actually I could have put through the returns letterbox) and enjoyed a prow around the shelves to stock up on some reading material. I had been kept going by the charity book piles at the Post Office, with proceeds supporting the Food Bank. Despite this new freedom, the mask stays on in many situations; I think that is going to be a long-term habit.

The village certainly feels as if it is coming alive again: when it's not pouring with rain, the outside tables at the pubs, cafe and tearoom are packed, even if folk are huddled together against the still keen north wind. The shoe shop is back open and I have finally been able to get some keys cut. We have a veterinary practice just been set up in Jubilee Court, next to Boots, and Em's Emporium just round the back has opened its doors again. Some activities have restarted at the Village Centre, with more planned by the time you get your Village Voice. Sports activities such as bowls, tennis and cricket are in full swing.

I am so fed up with scams of various sorts. I get endless phone calls on my landline "from" Amazon, HMRC, home improvements, etc., but now they have discovered my mobile. Watch out for text messages purporting to be from the Royal Mail saying there's a package for you which has insufficient postage, inviting you to click on a link and no doubt asking for all your personal details. If there is such a package, the postman will always put a card through your door, which you take to the Post Office - they never send a text.

A big thank you to those advertisers who have renewed for this new financial/advertising year. We do so appreciate your support for our magazine. If you learned about them from their ad, do let them know that their marketing in Village Voice is working!!

Spring may be a little late this year, but as I was driving past the church I had to stop to take this photo of the blossom. What a special time of year, particularly this one.



Parish Council Chairman's Report

Coral Shepherd



Very sadly we had the death of the Duke of Edinburgh last month and our tribute to him is reproduced in the magazine.

The last month has been a hectic one for the Parish Council because as well as our normal round of meetings, we have had the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting. The former, whilst organised by the Parish Council, is for residents to bring any concerns to our attention. It was held remotely last week and sadly attendance was very poor. We had a speaker from the Alzheimer's Society who spoke about how to become a dementia friendly village. It was very inspirational and we will publish more about this in the next edition.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting I was re-elected Chairman for another year, together with Councillor Brian Anderson as Vice-Chairman. We received annual reports from our Chairman about our various activities over the last year as follows:

Communications Committee - despite the impact of coronavirus, we have continued to publish this magazine and deliver to every household, more or less on time. We continue to maintain our website, which includes all our minutes and policies as well as information about village groups. It is worth a look.

Planning Committee – the main work of this committee is to look at and comment on the impact of planning applications in the village. We also commented on the White Paper about the Future of Planning. We continue to receive contributions from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), some of which we used recently to purchase and install a defibrillator outside the Spar shop.

Finance and Administration Committee – this committee advises the Council about the setting of the precept each year and over the last three years we have been able to reduce the precept without impacting on the services that we provide. Much has been achieved to address procedural and transparency issues highlighted in the Dersingham Centre Review and Internal Audit reports.

Environment Committee – over the last eighteen months work has been ongoing at the War Memorial Gardens: the timber sleepers retaining the flower beds have all been replaced, soil within the beds replenished and additional shrub and rose planting has been carried out, together with removal of weeds in the paving. Following the reopening of the children's playground after the first lockdown, it is now regularly cleaned and remains very popular. A log seat was provided at The Warren and has proved so popular that two more are planned, together with some new tree planting next winter. We are currently planning some replacements to our Christmas lights at the Recreation Ground, which have been in place for several years. We are hoping that work will begin on construction of the skatepark at the beginning of June so that it will be ready for use by the school summer holidays. We will post updates on our website and the village group Facebook page.

Finally, one issue that has affected us all in the village, is the amount of litter. We can all do our part to keep the village looking clean and tidy by using the litter bins that are provided, or taking it home. Please do not use the bins to dispose of concrete (the tip at Heacham will take rubble), cat litter or nappies (this type of waste can be placed in our domestic black bins). The Parish Council recently had a joint project with the Sports Ground and in less than an hour removed countless bags of rubbish. Many thanks to all those who participated. □



Dersingham Village Centre

Sue Payne, Chairman DVCA

News from Dersingham Village Centre

Our re-opening was delayed while we observed national mourning following the sad death of HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

On 19th April, we welcomed back Rollason Stage School, Take the Lead dance classes and Elevation Youth Group. St Nicholas Church have moved their Contemporary Service to the Centre for the next few months.

Most other groups are returning mid-May, and we will be reviewing our procedures to see if we can make things easier for users, whilst ensuring government guidance is adhered to and users are kept safe. A new weekly, (term time) group for Mothers & Babies, Munchkin & Me, will start on Friday, 21st May .

Stop Press! The Benjamin Foundation have secured funding, for two years, to run a club for young people aged eight and over in the Centre. It will be an extension of the service they run in Hunstanton, and they plan to start the Dersingham club after half term. An additional youth worker will be recruited for the project, who will be consulting with local children and families; volunteers will also be needed to help run sessions and ensure the club succeeds long term.

The trustees are supporting the project by providing the venue, craft materials and snacks.

If you are planning your child's birthday party, we can offer you a three-hour package. As the St Nicholas Hall at the Centre is now so well used, including Saturdays, we are promoting Sunday afternoons for daytime parties; some weekday afternoons are also available.

Please do check the website calendar on the Bookings page; it will give you a good indication of when the St Nicholas Hall is free. Should your preferred date and time appear not to be available, please contact us, as we have some flexibility with our regular bookings.

Note the Disco and Supper taking place on 3rd July – details are in the poster in this edition of Village Voice. Other future events will be announced in the next edition of Village Voice.

Village Centre Lottery winners for April were numbers 72, 43 and 24; May winners were 72, 13 and 31. The Lottery costs just £5 per month and the proceeds provide valuable regular income to support our activities. The more members there are the bigger the prizes!

Keep updated on events and activities at the Centre by checking our notice-boards, visiting our website www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk (sign up for the regular newsletters) and, of course, Village Voice will have information.

We also have a Facebook Page and post announcements on the Dersingham Village Facebook Group.

Best wishes from all at the Centre.

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Dersingham Cricket Club

Shaun Felgate

Dersingham Cricket Club is a long-established club that has been running for many, many years. It is a club that encourages all ages and abilities to join, from those who are beginners that can be encouraged and nurtured, to those that have the ability and experience to play at league level.

Throughout the cricket season, which runs from the beginning of May to the end of August, training sessions are held on The Pastures sportsground in Dersingham every Thursday evening from 6pm to 8pm. Training sessions are free, with all ages welcome. With sports taking off again within the village, and the COVID-19 restrictions being gradually lifted, it would be great to see old faces and encourage new families to join, both socially and to participate in the sport.



There are currently two adults' teams: on Saturdays you can see the Dersingham First Team playing, with the Dersingham Over Forties playing on a Wednesday evening.

For further information please contact me - Shaun (Foggy).
Telephone: 07818 2484292 □



I have noticed a round pond-like structure in Dersingham woods for some time and wondered if anyone knows what it is....photo attached.

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Chemical Free Gardening

Cllr Ann Watkins, Parish Council Environment Committee

In recent years lots of helpful advice is available about helping wildlife in your garden: leaving an untidy patch, building a wood pile, planting a wildlife meadow, bee-friendly planting, bug hotels and feeding the birds. This is all wonderful news for gardens and gardeners, but if the delicate balance of the food chain is disrupted, the substrate where the organisms live and grow is muted, then this is where that food chain is affected. You can buy an array of chemicals to obliterate nearly everything in your garden, and most will be very efficient at this; but at what cost to those creatures? A healthy garden can be obtained naturally without chemical use.

I remember as a child in the 1960s travelling by car for our annual family holiday to Devon, seeing the myriad of insects that had been killed on the windscreen as we made our way along the country lanes. If you did that journey today, I would imagine the numbers would be greatly reduced. Butterfly Conservation report that a third of all larger moths have decreased over the last fifty years. 70% of butterflies are in decline and 41% of insects face extinction, and we are well aware that the bird populations are in big trouble. I am not blaming us gardeners entirely; it is a multitude of man-made problems playing their part, including habitat loss, chemical pollution and climate change.

We can all help at a local level, even in a small way, by removing the use of chemicals in our gardens. Name an insect, bug or fungus and there is a chemical to kill it. These chemicals are not to be taken lightly; they can obliterate a whole plethora of living creatures for just going about their business, providing a service to our gardens. The natural food chain in the garden starts with the minute and natural predators and they would do the job if they got that chance. If they were put under a microscope they would appear so intricate and fascinating; if they are given the right conditions they will provide that service to your garden for free!



It can be soul destroying to spend hours planting your favourite vegetables, only for them to be devoured; but if they are sprayed, then that is not good for our health either. It is such a delicate balance that is so easily disrupted. When hedgehogs and our beautiful endangered song thrush ingest metaldehyde slug pellets, they suffer an excruciating, slow, painful death. We can avoid this and it gives so much pleasure to see our birds and small mammals sifting and snuffling round, picking over leaves, eating what is seen to us as a pest - they love a juicy slug or snail, however disgusting we may find them. Think how commonplace hedgehogs were in the past, a rarer sight now.

Whether growing vegetables, fruit or flowers, there are plenty of Grow Organic websites available and the Wildlife Trusts have a wealth of information, with free advice on how to achieve this, which will fill your garden with the natural predators like ladybirds, lacewings, frogs, toads, hedgehogs and birds. So, before you reach for that bug spray or weed killer, give a thought to the good these creatures are doing in your garden and whether there is a natural way of controlling them. For every pest in the garden there is a predator.□

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Local businessman and Parish Councillor, John Houston, paying his respects at the news of HRH Prince Philip's passing.

This final act of homage to Prince Philip took place at the Norwich Gates at Sandringham. Images of this ceremony not only went nationally but all round the world.

As Standard Bearer for the Merchant Navy (and past British Legion's local branch, Dersingham & Sandringham), John has served the Royal Family after being invited to parade at both church and memorial services, the Gallipoli Service being one of them.□



Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

It was fabulous to welcome all the children back into school at the beginning of March and really celebrate the possibilities of learning together once again.

As the winter makes way for spring, the children have been busy planning and engaging in their new topics, with the great outdoors a key aspect of discovery.

The Nursery children asked the question, 'How does your garden grow?' and they have been busy planting strawberry plants, radishes, carrots, broad beans and pumpkins in their allotment area. They have enjoyed making fruit kebabs and vegetable soup in readiness for their own crops. To bring additional colour to the outdoor area, the children have planted an array of flowers and there was much excitement when the first shoots poked through.



Nursery planting flowers



Nursery painting daffodils

Reception have become fairy tale problem solvers and busied themselves helping fairy tale characters solve their dilemmas. They have created sock friends for the friendly giant, designed strong houses for the pig family and built wolf traps to keep the big bad wolf out! They have even been teaching the giant to read and write his tricky words. They are excited to discover whether other characters may need help!



Reception Year bear trapping



Year 1 art

This term Year 1 have been exploring and learning about the works of the artist Joseph Cornell. They were so inspired by his creations that they had a go at producing their very own assemblages. The children have enjoyed learning the steel pans with Miss Amy and continued their forages into the woods to explore the wonders of nature on their doorstep.

Year 2 have been Eco-Warriors, campaigning for a cleaner environment and clearing up litter from the school grounds. They are busy planning improvements to their outside area and have already watched their flower shoots bursting through the soil. It's been hard work keeping them watered during such a dry April!

Year 3 welcomed everyone back to finish off their Roman topic, and enjoyed learning about how Boudicca bravely fought back for a while, making chariots with working axles to remember her by.

They have now begun learning about plants, and are experimenting with pansies to test which conditions will help them grow best...apologies to Thaxters, but all the plants may not survive! The children will be investigating different parts of a plant and its life cycle. They have produced some beautiful plant paintings and are looking forward to using lots of natural materials collected from the woodland area for more nature-inspired artwork.

Year 4 have embarked on an epic Egyptian exploration and have already learned about embalming mummies and the gruesome way the ancient Egyptians dealt with the entrails.

At the Saxon Way site, Year 5 have been giving the outside area a makeover by sowing seeds in the garden to grow their own vegetables, including runner beans, broad beans and sunflowers in pots. They have also been tantalising their taste buds by tasting bread from all over the world.



Year 4 mummies



Year 5 gardening

Year 6 are basing their learning on the book *The Girl Who Speaks Bear*. Set in Russia, this story is a modern retelling of traditional Russian fables. The children are using this as a stimulus for much of their topic and literacy writing. Last term, the children had the opportunity to dissect a pig's heart, allowing them to see the many structures of the circulatory system along with a bit of blood and gore!

It is fabulous having all the children back together at school and everyone is excited about the gradual return to normal.□



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The position of Secretary has become vacant and, whilst this is a voluntary position, there is an honorarium, plus all expenses are met.

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Picture Corner

Tony Bubb

This pleasant view, with the postmark for 23rd August 1951, was sent by happy visitors to their niece in Maidstone. They came, along with "crowds of people", hoping to see the Queen, and it seems that they were successful. I always find the message on the card just as interesting as the picture, and with the facilities offered by the internet, the folk involved with a card can often be traced and their stories revealed, though not so with this couple as their signature is illegible.

The view itself is, of course, unavailable today as the trees have been cut back from the road and the house is now screened by rhododendrons and other planting. What else can we glean? Well, there are no obstructions to parking by the gates and the road was a pleasing colour, being dressed with gravel embedded in the surface. Oh yes, it only cost tuppence to send it, what a bargain.□



Dersingham Gardening Tips

Jane Jestice

By the time the Village Voice gets to you we *should* be confident that the frosts are over and it is safe to plant out your bedding plants. Don't forget to keep dead-heading them to ensure they keep on blooming and to prevent them going to seed. Whilst you are thinking about this task, keep picking off the spent heads of daffodils and narcissi so the energy goes back into the bulbs, and a little later tulips will need the same treatment. I do not lift my tulip bulbs and they come up again, although I know a lot of people do lift them. Lifting and storing my dahlia tubers was not a success last year - only one out of four is shooting! This is the time of year for sowing, potting on, and planting out, and all the time keeping an eye on the ever present weeds.



My bluebells are just coming out and I have enough to make a carpet of blue (actually, really a rug of blue). For the first time since I planted it, my tree peony, a gift from my cousin's garden, has buds ready to burst. This is the best way to increase the plants in a garden - I have filled mine with plants with personal connections. I acquired two cymbidium orchids from a friend last year after they had stopped flowering and she was going to throw them out. I challenged myself to get them to flower this year. I can report that after spending the winter in my warm greenhouse and watering with rainwater, I am thrilled that they each have two flower stems growing!

My husband has obviously been with me too long! We wanted four doorstops for our French windows onto the patio. The cost was going to be rather high, so he suggested we buy some welly boots, fill them part way with concrete and then plant them up. You can see the end result

in the photo and I love them (it's important to place them the right way round or the feet look very strange!). If anyone has some children's wellies I need two pairs for smaller doorstops!

There was a posting on Facebook about setting up a seed swap, but I saw no more. I hope it comes to fruition as it's a lovely idea.

PLEASE keep thinking about Making Dersingham Dazzle and Colouring Out Covid when you choose your bright flowering plants this year so our village looks vibrant this summer.

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Tax Credit Renewal Pack: Check the Details

Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

Over a six week span from the end of April to early June, HM Revenue & Customs will have sent out 2.5m annual renewal packs to tax credits claimants who will need to check the details and report any change in their circumstances to HMRC by 31st July 2021. All claimants should have received their packs by 4th June. Many claimants will have been affected by the pandemic and may have earned less than in previous years. It is important, therefore, to check that the details contained in the annual renewal pack are correct, including income details, ahead of the 31st July deadline.

To renew online, claimants can log onto GOV.UK to check on the progress of their renewal. They can also use the HMRC app on their phone to renew their tax credits, check their tax credits payment schedule and find out how much they have earned for the year.

There is no need to report any temporary reductions in working hours as a result of COVID-19. Claimants will continue to be treated as if they are working their normal hours until the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme closes in September. HMRC has, however, recently added a '**coronavirus payments**' section to the renewal application, showing payments relating to coronavirus that must be included in income for tax credit claims and renewals.

It is not yet known whether HMRC will be auto-renewing tax credits for more claimants as they did last year – in any case, figures should be carefully checked, and all self-employed individuals need to give figures to HMRC. Self-employed claimants should make sure they include any SEISS grants (1-3) in their 2020/21 income figures when renewing their tax credits. They can give HMRC a provisional figure by 31st July, but can update it up to 31st January 2022, provided they have stated it is provisional.

If there is a change in a claimant's circumstances that could affect their tax credits claims, they must report the changes to HMRC. Circumstances that could affect tax credits payments include changes to:

- ** Living arrangements;
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- ** Income (increase or decrease).

HMRC warns that criminals can take advantage of tax credits renewals by text, email or phone, offering 'rebates' or threatening them with arrest if they don't pay bogus tax owed. Many scams mimic government messages to look authentic. If someone contacts a taxpayer claiming to be from HMRC, asks for bank or other personal details, threatens arrest or demands that they transfer money, it might be a scam. Check **GOV.UK for HMRC's scams checklist**, and to find out **how to report tax scams** and **recognise genuine HMRC contact**.

If, having read through the information provided above, you require any advice, please contact either myself or my assistant Susan Fish FMAAT on 01485 534800 or email kate@kathryngigg.co.uk if we can assist in any way.

N.B. Article written in May 2021.

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Dersingham Open Gardens

Jane Jestice

Dersingham Open Gardens will be taking place on Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September this year, so put the dates in your diary.



The Church will have floral displays over the weekend with the theme "Together Again" and we will all be celebrating the re-emergence from restrictions and the joy of being able to meet up again.

There will be around a dozen gardens open, showcasing the variety within the village, and we are hoping to have some new ones to join us. What will we see behind the gates, hedges and fences after another year of lockdowns and restrictions? We can't wait to see what everyone has been doing to their gardens in these strange times.

If you are interested in opening your garden please send me an email at janejestice@gmail.com. Further details will be in this magazine nearer the time and on the DOG website:

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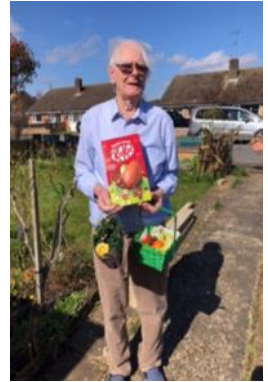
QEH fund-raising

Yvonne Bridger from Hunstanton has finally signed off on her epic fund-raising walking challenge carried out in memory of Captain Tom, just in time for what would have been his 101st birthday on 30th April. The total amount of money raised for the Covid-19 Support Fund of the QEH, King's Lynn, came to £3,109.81p, and, with Gift Aid at 25%, this converts to £3,887.26p.

After she completed her own target of 700,000 steps in 70 days, friends, neighbours and supporters joined with her and together they completed an amazing 2,674,747 steps. Yvonne says, "What a worthwhile solo and joint adventure it has been, and all I can do, just one more time, is to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind, generous and thoughtful donations to the cause and messages of support."

Dersingham Day Centre Jan Holt

Spring has arrived and doesn't it lift your spirits to see the trees in blossom and all the spring flowers?



Although Dersingham Day Centre still can't hold its usual weekly meetings, we have been able to see some of our members. Just before Easter our volunteers distributed Easter eggs, miniature rose bushes and small baskets of fruit to our members. Of course we couldn't go into people's houses, but we did stand on the doorsteps and had a really good natter!



Then on 22nd April one of our members, Pat Andrews, celebrated her 90th birthday. Some of our members and volunteers were invited to a surprise party for Pat. This was organised by Pat's daughter and of course had to adhere to Covid regulations, so it was held outside with limited numbers. They had a delicious

tea of sandwiches, cream scones and cup cakes, and the garden was festooned with banners and balloons. Pat said it had really made her day. She added that she can't wait to return to the Day Centre and hopes it will be very soon. A view we all heartedly agree with!□



Dersingham Walking Group

Tony Bubb

I am writing this on deadline day, Village Voice's deadline that is – nothing sinister. Restrictions are supposed to be being eased in mid-May so our walks can then resume, at least in theory – not that I am cynical in any way. So assuming that all is well at that time, our walks planned are:-

Wednesday May 26th 2.00pm

Woods, Warren, Fen and Common. A circuit around the varied terrain of Dersingham and Sandringham. Start at the old Dersingham railway station at the bottom of Station Road, TF680308. Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.

Wednesday June 9th 2.00pm

Wolferton and the Bog. A village and country walk. Start at Wolferton Station. Please park considerably. TF650285. Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638

Wednesday June 23rd 2.00pm

A circular walk around the Houghton area of about 4.5 miles with woods, fields, the Peddars Way and, if we are really lucky, some pigs. Start at the Peddars Way road crossing, TF757285. Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.

Wednesday July 14th 2.00pm

A walk around the farm. Four miles of Courtyard Farm with some more pigs to admire. Start from the car park on the north side of the Ringstead to Burnham Road, about 3/4 of a mile from Ringstead. Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638

Wednesday July 28th 2.00pm

A tour of Sandringham Woods and Arboretum. Meet at the village sign TF 685297. Leader: Brian Eldridge 01485 540862

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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Catherine Leigh

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Dersingham Ward Councillors Judy Collingham and Tony Bubb



As we write, we are delighted to report that the news around the coronavirus, at least as far as this country and our Borough is concerned, is positive. Gradually, we are seeing restrictions relaxed.

News from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital is of an opening up of more services as the backlog of operations is addressed. Building work on the hospital is urgently required; whilst some £20 million has been forthcoming from Government for emergency repair, we all need to lobby via the media or your democratic representatives for a new building. Those with healthcare issues will hopefully soon be able to visit the surgery in Dersingham in person, and should be encouraged to do so, especially as our vaccination programme has been going full steam ahead and most at risk adults have had their second jab.

The Borough Council has been focused recently on their programme of housing developments, which will deliver high quality, eco-friendly homes to the people of West Norfolk.

A word of warning from one of your Ward Councillors about driver's licence renewal for the over seventies: there are independent websites offering to take care of this for a fee of £79. It is not necessary to pay, as the DVLA will renew free of charge, as long as you use their website or you post the necessary documentation to them directly. Given that your licence will renew for only three years, it is important to be aware of these charging sites. As of the date of this article, no response has been received to a letter requesting information as to how these sites interact with the data held by the DVLA.

A litter pick was organized on the sports ground. The Borough supported this activity by providing grabbers and, most importantly, by taking away the refuse afterwards. A wider initiative to deal with litter in the Borough, including fly tipping, is under discussion. It was noted that there was apparently less dog mess on the ground than there has been in the past; however, there are still some dog owners who are not clearing up after their pets.

And finally, on a brighter note, the food waste collection should be back up and running by the end of June as restrictions around the number of crew in the dustcarts relaxes. □





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The last twelve months have seen Home Instead increase staffing levels to maintain its exceptional levels of service and its truly individual personal care. "Building relationships has always been at the very heart of our business and we're looking forward to building on that in 2021," says director, Tom McEwan, of Home Instead. "Our services took on a new dimension last year, as people were unable to visit relatives and vulnerable family members, but our staff have been fantastic and we've continued to develop very strong relationships with our clients and their relatives."

Family has always been at the very heart of Home Instead Senior Care in Norfolk (it was founded after personal and first-hand family experience) and Tom has ensured the company's ethos of individual, personal and customer-focused attention is shared by everyone - from the dedicated office staff, to the team of inspirational and award-winning caregivers.

"We keep in touch with our clients on a regular basis to make sure they're satisfied with the service we're providing and asking if we can help in any other way," he says. "It's an incredible testament to our staff and caregivers that our clients have continued to live the life they wish to live in their own homes - and despite the pressures of the last twelve months, we've maintained a totally personal, totally bespoke and totally individual level of care."

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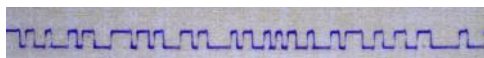


Breaking Fish - Part One

Brian Anderson

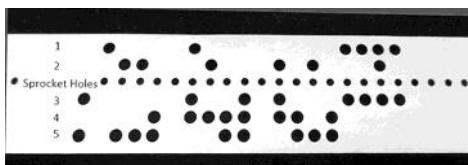
I little thought when I wrote "Breaking Enigma" for Village Voice 104 that it would produce two related articles - "Doreen's War" and "Breaking the Atlantic Wall". And now here is a third.

Enigma was not the only machine-generated cipher used by the Germans. There was also the system named by Bletchley Park as "Fish". The existence of Fish was first detected by the Metropolitan Police in 1940 whilst they were monitoring radio-transmitted teleprinter traffic. It seemed to be a stream of enciphered non-Morse information. It was later detected by the RAF at a listening station at Knockholt in Kent and seemed very likely to be a teleprinter signal. The Knockholt station was run by the Y service, which also did the Enigma Morse intercepts. This new transmission was not able to be transcribed in the same way and a machine called an undulator was used to record the signals. Most of the Y service work was performed by the women's auxiliary services (ATS, WAAFs and Wrens) and required a high degree of accuracy. Their role often doesn't get the recognition it deserves. I did wonder why the messages intercepted by the Y service had to be transcribed from the undulator tape - could it not just generate a standard teleprinter punched tape?



Undulator tape

I have assumed that radio transmission errors would create few problems for the Germans who had the coding protocol, but for Ultra it would create huge difficulties - hence the need for human interpretation of the signal.



Teleprinter tape

The transmissions were infrequent and erratic, so there was little scope for code-breaking because of the lack of material. That it had military significance became clear when an unenciphered message was intercepted in 1941 describing the removal of a *Wehrmacht* unit to the Eastern Front. This, combined with some difficulties in breaking the *Wehrmacht* Enigma cipher, led to Bletchley Park and the Ultra team (Ultra was the operational name for the code-breaking activities) into taking Fish more seriously. It became immediately obvious that this was a new kind of cipher. Enigma used a substitution cipher where one letter replaces another. The Fish cipher was an additive cipher, known as a Vernam cipher, where numerical codes are added to the plaintext in order to conceal it. Ultra began by assuming that the signals were standard teleprinter code, however encrypted; and that the machine used was electromechanical and employed rotors like the Enigma. In all three assumptions they were correct. But they had no knowledge of the detailed structure of the machine.



Lorenz machine

What the Germans were using was a standard teleprinter machine (the machine

produces punched paper tape with a hole pattern representing a number or letter) with an enciphering apparatus attached. It had ten enciphering wheels. They were not removable like the Enigma, but had a number of tabs around the circumference which could be raised or lowered before starting the message, thus setting the enciphering protocol. There were actually two designs: the first was the Siemens T52 *Geheimschreiber* ("Secret writer"), the second was the Lorenz SZ40 or 42 *Schlüsselzusatz* ("Cipher attachment").

Bletchley Park realised that the plaintext could be recovered by subtracting the enciphering code from the encrypted message; or, if two messages were sent with the same settings, subtracting one from the other would strip out the enciphering code and leave two garbled plaintext messages.

Ultra made its break in on 30th August 1941 when a lazy operator of the Lorenz machine (by this time called "Tunny" by Ultra) sent a message 3976 characters long which seemed to have got garbled. He was asked to repeat the message, which he did. If that had been all he did, Ultra would have been no further forward, as the subtraction method described above would have reduced everything to zeros. But the operator made two mistakes. Firstly, he retransmitted the message without changing the wheel settings, and then, probably through laziness, abbreviated the original message so the letters were encrypted differently. This error by the operator was one that the Germans would repeat frequently.



Bill Tutte



John Tiltman

This meant that extensive parts of the encryption could be recovered, although only after lengthy manual tabulation by Brigadier John Tiltman at Bletchley Park. He passed the result to another cryptanalyst, Bill Tutte, who, after another extensive tabulation exercise, deduced that the first enciphering wheel had forty-one teeth. I think this must have given him an idea: forty-one is a prime number - that is, it can only be divided by itself and one. Were all the wheels provided with prime numbers of teeth? If so, the tabulation exercise to find the other wheels would be easier, as non-primes could be discarded. And so it proved. Tutte spent the next two months tabulating by hand and discovered all the wheels in the first set of five, except one, had prime numbers of teeth viz 23, 26, 29, 31 and 41. The Germans probably thought they had made the machine more secure, as using primes meant that 22 million characters had to be typed before the sequence repeated (that's

about a 4000-page book). But in fact they had made Tutte's job easier. The second set of wheels, also prime, except for one, raised this number to 1.6 billion billion!

But how did Ultra know that it was a repeat message? Furthermore, since teleprinters produce a stream of punched paper tape, which is then run back through the machine to transmit, why was the repeat message not just an exact copy of the first? Eventually, a trawl through the sources gave me the answers. Ultra knew the message was a repeat because the sending and receiving operators communicated in plain unenciphered text. The messages were not exact repeats because the most common failures were in the encryption by the sending machine, so a new punched tape had to be produced. This failure of the Lorenz machine was so common that the operators had a catch phrase for it: "it's swallowed its teeth".



Peter Hilton

Despite these successes, Bletchley still had problems - it could take weeks to decode Fish messages, as much work was done by hand. One cryptographer (Peter Hilton) had the uncanny ability of being able to visualise the combinations of letters and codes, which might have led to the scrambled messages obtained, although much work was still needed to uncover the plaintext.

Nonetheless, Ultra did produce one vital strategic break using the hand method. That was the battle of Kursk. In early 1943 the German retreat from Stalingrad had left a huge bulge in the front line where the Red Army had pushed forward. If the Germans were going to mount a summer campaign, this was where it would be. Soviet intelligence had strong clues about this from a spy in Germany. But Ultra then broke a long Fish message which gave the dates, projected lines of attack and the

German order of battle. This was sent to STAVKA (the Soviet Supreme General Staff) and when the Germans attacked on 4th July 1943 the Red Army was ready. They had prepared eight lines of anti-tank defence with ditches, mines and anti-tank guns. Behind these was a reserve force of tanks and an equally large force of *Shturmovik* ground attack fighters. The battle reached its climax on 12th and 13th July at the village of Prohorovka in what has been called "the biggest tank battle in history". Although Soviet losses were higher than the Germans', it was a resounding German defeat. By 23rd July they were back beyond their start lines. This was the first time that the Red Army had mounted a successful summer campaign and the last time the Germans had the strategic initiative on the Eastern Front.

But Ultra knew that Fish needed to be broken more quickly. Mechanisation was called for.

And this will be covered in Part Two.

If anyone wants a more detailed (but still simplified!) look at the operation of the Vernam cipher please email me at brian.anderson@dersingham.org.uk or ring 07779 389419 for a paper copy.□



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Dersingham Methodist Church

Elizabeth Batstone



The Church Council has decided to re-open for morning worship at 10.30 am **from Sunday 23rd May**. This is an important date for us because we will be celebrating our 131st Church Anniversary. The service will be led by our minister Revd Richman Ncube. We will continue, as before, with a limited number attending whilst we follow Government social distancing guidelines, hopefully for only a few weeks. We look forward to the day when we will be able to sing hymns and be all together. Please do feel free to join us for any of our services.

It is surprising to think that whilst we have been in lockdown, the weeds that live around our homes have not, and they seem to have thrived. The small car park behind the Methodist Church is looking very green and in some ways very attractive, as the weeds flourish and blossom. Last year we wondered if perhaps a goat or a sheep should be found and put to graze there, but two kind male church volunteers did an excellent job instead! However, the weeds have decided to come again and show us they are in charge! Strange isn't it how weeds flourish when often carefully tended plants fail to thrive.

I suppose this can be rather like us. A newspaper article asked, 'How has lockdown been for you?' Several people gave their replies - some people thrived, some failed, some just carried on as normal and some were keen to get going again. Cut down, in difficult ground, just like the weeds, but hopefully we can flourish again. Perhaps as we look at the dandelion's bright yellow, cheery flower, and the different shades of green from grass, dock leaves and nettles, we will be reminded of how life can be difficult for them and yet they flourish.

We at Dersingham Methodist Church are looking forward to the future and in the words of a line from one hymn, 'We'll praise him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come.'

Elizabeth Batstone.

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Dersingham Task Force

Dennis Weatherill

At the time of writing, we have already had three gardening sessions with an ever-growing Task Force. The weather has been kind to us and we have had a few new members. We can now count on a pool of eleven volunteers, not all of whom can attend every time, which helps us adhere to Covid restrictions. However, even allowing for absentees, we can guarantee having sufficient pairs of hands to maintain our two gardens.

Please feel free to join us if the idea of fresh air, good company and a sense of keeping our lovely village tidy appeals to you. We meet every second Wednesday at 10.00 for an hour's work.

It's very rewarding when passersby stop for a little chat and to express their appreciation for our efforts.

I can be contacted by phone on 07482 913399 or email denzilweatherill@gmail.com



Sandringham Parish News

Ben Colson

Parish Council

The Parish Council met virtually on 28th April with a Borough Councillor and the County Councillor in attendance. The main matters discussed were:

A149 speed restriction and junction safety improvements

The County Council is working actively on this and has now got agreement from parishes for a common speed limit of 50mph. It is working on the 'legal bits and pieces' necessary before it comes into force. A site meeting with County highway planners was held on 12th April, which was extremely useful and positive and will hopefully provide measures which will improve safety and reduce the high accident rate in the area. The County hopes to have completed drawings of the proposed junction safety changes to consult with the Parish Council by late May.

Parking in Wolferton

Natural England is busy replacing the temporary no parking signs with wooden bollards, far more in tune with the area. It has also introduced a voluntary car park charge for use of the two small car parks at the Scissor Crossroads and Cliff Top car parks. With the summer approaching, we can expect more visitors to come, and the parking issue we experienced last summer will be with us again.

We have reports and experience of people trying to park in residents' driveways, and even picnicking in their gardens; this sort of behaviour is making life in Wolferton unpleasant, especially at weekends. The extension of the car park is therefore vital for village life and progress towards it lies with Natural England, as it requires extra consents because it would be part of a protected SSSI site. The Parish Council looks forward to seeing the proposals as soon as possible.

We're looking for new Councillors and a new Clerk

The Parish Council is authorised to have seven Councillors, but at the present time only has six. Whilst not ideal, it can fulfil its legal minimum functions with one short; however, three of the six have indicated their intention to resign with effect from the Annual General Meeting on 12th May. This means that it will be short of up to four Councillors, making it difficult to function properly. PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR SERVICES TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR. To do so, please check the Parish Council pages on the Sandringham Estate website and leave a message in the 'contact us' section, or, alternatively, contact a Councillor to talk through what is involved.

In addition, the Council would normally be served by a Clerk to the Council, who looks after the administrative matters of the Parish, but our Clerk stood down at the turn of the year. We are therefore looking for interested people to take on this role. If you think it would suit you, please check our website for the contact details to put yourself forward.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

At the time of writing in early May, we are planning to hold our AGM in Wolferton Social Club, as it is large enough to enable proper social distancing. The results of this AGM were not available before the Village Voice deadline. The Annual General Meeting is where the Councillors themselves elect their Chairman for the year, as well as dealing with other procedural matters and taking questions and comment from residents.

Refurbishing St Peter's Church in Wolferton

Now that the work to refurbish the roof has been completed to protect the fabric of the ancient building, which dates back over seven hundred years, it is time to turn to other structural needs. Work is progressing on the porch, and after that the next step will be to rank the other work by the urgency of it being done and the associated cost. The whole project could therefore take some years to finalise, but the first and most important step, to secure the roof, has now been achieved.

Church services

See the Sandringham Group of Churches' website for details of services in the various churches in the Parish, as the gradual reopening of facilities progresses.

Social Clubs and other local activity centres

Social Clubs and other venues for people to meet should be able to reopen from 17th May, so please check their websites and notice boards for details of reopening events.

Litter picking

Litter is a national problem and has got worse during the past year of lockdown. That does not mean that we have to just accept it, and in the Parish we are fortunate to have a service to clear litter from main road verges, which is provided by the Borough Council. However, this does not generally extend to side roads, and very regrettably litter has become a growing problem here too. The Sandringham Estate has a litter-picking team which focuses on the areas around the Visitor Centre and the Country Park, but it is considering whether to extend this facility to other known tourist hotspots such as Wolferton. Similarly, the Borough Council is looking at how it can support local effort, for example by providing picking equipment, bags and pre-booked picking up of the rubbish from specified collection points.

All of these initiatives are welcome, but are unlikely to start before June. We are therefore asking whether residents in Wolferton would be willing to join together for a communal litter pick during June. Please leave a message, including name and phone number, on 01485 542260.

And finally...

As I step down from being Chairman of the Parish Council, a position which it has been an honour to hold for the past ten years, and from being a Parish Councillor for fifteen years, I finish on a personal note.

Firstly, I want to thank fellow Councillors for their hard work on behalf of us all, and especially mention that between the three of us who are stepping back at this time, there goes some forty years of accumulated knowledge and experience.

Secondly, I want to stress the absolute importance of having a fully functioning Parish Council. It is the lowest rung in the democratic ladder, but without it there is no direct local voice to those higher up the chain, and that makes decisions made more remote and less likely to reflect your wishes for your lifestyle and wellbeing. So please get active and support local democracy.

Thirdly, it will be for others to decide whether there should continue to be a Parish report for Sandringham in Village Voice; if there is, and we are asked to do so, we shall continue to deliver door to door in the Parish.□



Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny

Village policemen

In *Village Voice* a month or two back there was a picture of a policeman walking across the car park of the Albert Victor public house in Manor Road. At one time Dersingham had many policemen, as it was part of the Sandringham division of the Norfolk Constabulary and the headquarters of that division. There were three police houses in Manor Road and three up Doddshill; Nos 52 and 27 Lynn Road were private houses let out to policemen; one policeman lived in a council house on the Gelham Manor estate; and some police houses were also built in Pell Road. When I was a lad, No 14 Sandringham Hill was called a police section house and this was for extra policemen who came to work at Sandringham when royalty were in residence.

There were many policemen living in the surrounding villages in police houses that were built especially for them. You could always tell a police house as they were of the same design. Other villages with police houses were Snettisham, Docking, West Newton, Heacham, Castle Rising and Hillington. All the policemen who lived in these outlying villages used to come to Dersingham police station once a month on a Friday to bring in their reports for the last month. After this many of them would go for a drink in the Albert Victor, so I reckon this picture in the *Village Voice* was of one of these policemen making his way home. Many of these policemen only had a bike to go around on and some of them had a very wide area to cover. When I was a lad they only had one police car at Dersingham police station and that was a large Wolseley. Some policemen lived out of the village - the one at Castle Rising lived down the old A149 near to Onion Corner and I think I am right in saying that the old house is still there.

Coypus

A chap asked me if we ever had any coypu down Dersingham marshes and yes, indeed we did. In the United Kingdom coypu escaped from fur farms as early as 1932. When Bostock's Circus came to Hunstanton in 1935 they were advertising the largest rat in the world, but in fact it was a coypu that had been brought over from South America. There were three unsuccessful attempts to control coypu in 1943 and 1944. After that the coypu population and range increased, causing a lot of damage to agricultural land in the 1950s. During the 1960s grants were awarded to rabbit clearance societies that dealt with coypu. The control allowed for the removal of 97,000 coypu in the United Kingdom from 1961 to 1965. Twelve trappers were hired to eradicate as many coypu as possible in Norfolk and the Norfolk Broads. The campaign used live traps allowing non target species to be released and the coypu to be shot. Helped by the cold winters in 1962 and 1963, almost 40,500 coypu were removed from the population. Although coypu populations were greatly reduced after the 1962 to 1965 campaign, the population increased until another eradication campaign began in 1981. This campaign succeeded in fully eradicating coypu in Great Britain. The trapping areas were broken into eight sectors, leaving no area uncontrolled, and the trappers were offered an incentive for early completion of the ten-year campaign. In 1989 coypu were assumed eradicated in Great Britain as only three males were found between 1987 and 1989.



We had one trapper who lived in Dersingham and he covered an area from North Lynn through the marshes as far as Heacham. He also trapped some of the small rivers as far inland as Fakenham. Some coypu were very large; they averaged in weight from 15 pounds to as

much as 37 pounds; they looked very fearsome with their big front teeth sticking out; and they had webbed feet on their back legs, so they were very good swimmers. If they saw a human they would run away, but they did a lot of damage to river, drain and dyke banks by making large holes in which to live. They lived on grass and loved sugar beet, eating the tops then gnawing away at the beet. I remember seeing a beet field near Wolferton pumping station where they had eaten the entire beet up to about twelve feet into the field. The trapper would put a plank over the river drain or dyke, and then he would put a wire cage trap on the plank and tether it with rope to the bank. You can just imagine what sort of damage coypu could do on the Norfolk Broads.

Mr Mason-Jones

I would think that there are many people in the village of Dersingham who will remember Mr Mason-Jones, who was headmaster of the Dersingham primary school at the bottom of Doddshill until 1949. A lady got in touch with me and asked what I knew about him. Well, with a lot of help from Mike Strange, here is a bit about him.

Archibald John Mason-Jones was born on 16th July 1883, and his wife, Ivy Phyllis Mason-Jones, was born on 23rd December 1883. Whilst living in Dersingham they lived at No 1 Hawthorn Cottages. They had three daughters: Eugene, Heather and Iris. As well as being a schoolmaster, Mason-Jones was also an ARP warden, secretary of the church hall and Dersingham evacuation officer. He died in St Leonard's Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk on 7th February 1965, by which time he had dropped 'Mason' from his name. His last home was West View, Rodbridge, Long Melford, Suffolk and his estate was worth £2,260. Ivy Phyllis, his wife, died on 29th June 1982 at the same address; she left £25,000.

Tom Ebert remembers Mason-Jones as a retired marine biologist, who was called back in service as a teacher when the younger men were called up. His nickname was 'Old Foss' from the lectures on fossils he imposed upon the class. Every day the top class was given a lesson on 'modern history', which consisted of him reading aloud from the *Daily Mail* while his class furiously scribbled down the news items in their exercise books. He would also throw the black board rubber at you if he thought that you were not paying attention.

Fen and commons

I was very pleased to see the update by Alex Coombs about what is being done on the fen and the commons. I see that they have been burning the gorse along the Red Dyke pathway. At one time this was a very well-used pathway, as a lot of people from Wolferton used to come this way to do their shopping in Dersingham. Wolferton only had a very small post office/shop, which was run by a Mrs Southgate. There was an old boy who lived in the village called Farmer Fred Daniels, who did a lot of work for the village. He is the man who put the Dersingham boundary posts in around 1936; he would also clean out the Red Dyke on the fen side with a long handled crome, dragging the rubbish up on to the bank then burning it when it got dry. Ken Martins did the same on his side of the dyke. Doing it with a crome meant that you did not have to get into all that red mud. I still think that the best way to clear the twenty odd acres of fen between the old A149 road and the by-pass would be to control burn it in October and November. If this were done every two years it would keep the grass and rubbish down.

The long pond

I am rather confused about the location of what is called the long pond, as shown in the last issue of *Village Voice*. The only water on the fen was the duck decoy on Wolferton fen, which resulted from a bomb dropped by a German Zeppelin in 1916, the crater left by the bomb being made into a duck decoy that was used by King George VI for early morning duck flying. The only other wet area was the mud flats on Dersingham fen where the cotton flowers used to grow; so is this long pond a recent man-made structure?

I was very intrigued by this long pond, so I tried to find out more about it rather than wait for someone to tell me in the next *Village Voice*. First of all I went to Google Maps, but all I found was the duck decoy on Dersingham fen. So I thought I would take a look at Wikipedia. It does not say anything about a long pond, but it does say that all of Dersingham fen is open access and there are many well-marked routes to follow, which provide easy access for visitors to explore this wilderness, with free car parks at Wolferton and Scissors crossroads. So I shall just have to wait a while for the next issue of *Village Voice*, as maybe some readers can tell me where the long pond is.

[Ed: I am told by Natural England that the long pond is on the northern boundary of Dersingham Bog and runs parallel to the former railway line.]

The Littleuns

What a very interesting write-up about the littleuns by Rolf Palio in the last issue of *Village Voice*. My grandfather had heard about them as it had been passed down the family for hundreds of years. He was told that they would sail down the Red Dyke in boats made from walnut shells to do their shopping in the village, and at some time after 1350 the Wolferton cliffs were washed away (though there is some cliff left) and the littleuns were seen no more. The moths on the fen held up the opening of the by-pass for two years, the last being seen in 1990 when they were hitching a lift to Roydon Common. Who knows, the littleuns could be there with them.

Well that's all of the fact, fiction and squat for now. I might just have a ride out to Roydon Common to look for them littleuns. That's if I can find a lead long enough to power up my mobility scooter. It will soon be samphire time and I have had some good mussels this last winter.

All the very best, keep a troshin', from the boy Dick.□

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Sandringham Cricket Club

Andy Walder

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The Club is ambitious for the future and aims to create a family friendly, fun and enjoyable environment, open to all, where people can participate as players, spectators, volunteers, or indeed in any other way they would like to. We aim to become an integral part of the local community and ensure that we have a well governed and financially sustainable club that will meet the needs of future generations.

Part of this ambition is to develop and improve our facilities. Over recent years a number of improvements have been made to the ground, but we now need to improve our pavilion and are working to develop plans for a new, larger pavilion with improved facilities that will also be available for use by the local community. We hope that we will have submitted planning for our new pavilion by May.

In the meantime, we are hopeful that our youth training will commence soon, once we have confirmed guidelines from the England Cricket Board, and that we will be able to participate in a full season of cricket. If you are interested in joining Sandringham Cricket Club, in any capacity, or have children that would like to join, then you would be most welcome. There are a number of ways in which you can contact us:

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Unusual Robin

This photo was sent in by Martin Bruce, who lives in Manorside. The white patch on the robin is caused by something called leucism, where you get patches of white feathers. It would have been an albino if all the feathers were white and it had a pink eye.□

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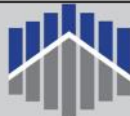
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New beginnings

As we slowly venture further into spring 2021 we are reminded of how this season provides a number of encouraging new beginnings. In particular, we can observe blossoms forming on the trees and many flowers that are slowly starting

to bloom. This provides us with plenty of joy as we observe the transition from dry barren trees to an inspiring rich array of new and vibrant colours. In contrast, importantly, we are also experiencing another slow but very significant transition, as we move towards a 'new normal' as the nationwide Covid-19 restrictions slowly ease. Thankfully, this year's springtime experience has thus far been quite the contrast to just one year ago, with a number of people now able to relearn the art of how to meet in a socially-distanced manner. It feels as if the emotions felt in observing the wonderful colour of the blossoms can be somewhat mirrored in the sense of collectively cautious optimism being felt for our future as a nation.

Progressing through Easter also reminds us of the positive new beginnings that Jesus' resurrection thrust promptly onto his friends. The reality they experienced immediately after his death was certainly one of fear, anxiety and uncertainty, as they no doubt wondered together who might be picked off next by the authorities. Yet we see in their recorded testimonies that, as they met with the risen Jesus, they experienced a deep and lasting change away from that time of darkness and on into their own new beginning. This first meeting with Jesus enabled these very first Christians to venture boldly out of a dark and difficult experience and forwards into a reality of hopeful expectation – to declare God's offer of forgiveness to all who would hear. The way they were recorded to have lived, despite continued heavy persecution, provides a strong argument that they really had met with a risen Jesus. Today we find that some 2.4 billion people continue to believe and follow the same faith and belief together.

At the time of writing, I await that all-important phone call to be called up for a Covid jab. It is perhaps vaccinations that most of all give us a chance to embrace a fresh new beginning as a nation. This hope can remind us that as with the early Christians, that this might bring a positive transformation of circumstances to all our lives; a change experienced, not in a small and insignificant way, but in a life-changing regard, and not just for a few days, or a few weeks, but for a lifetime ahead.

Current offering of church services

From Easter day onwards, we have been able once again to offer in-church services (with the usual Covid restrictions in place). With easing restrictions more activity is becoming possible. Most of our services are taking place in Dersingham, but please do call Pauline Martin to confirm service details and to pre-book for track and trace purposes:

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The Daily Doings of Mrs Dolittle

We all dream of it, don't we? Winning the lottery, receiving an inheritance, picking the winning racehorse. Well, I was one of the lucky ones and had a little windfall - enough to do up my garden and attend to the bits falling off the house. I don't like wasting money, so feel that it is an investment of sorts; if we have to sell up when

Remote Control Man retires from work, or for any other reason, well, the house will sell more easily when it's looking good. That's my excuse, anyway.

What has been so wonderful for me, always having been on a limited income all my life, is to browse through all the plant and seed catalogues - and they are even more inviting online - and actually to be able to order some, instead of lusting over the catalogues, sighing, and having to chuck them in the bin. I planted hundreds of bulbs last October, and boy do they look wonderful now. I'm waiting for a multitude of peonies to bloom, and also dahlias to peep through the soil and burst into colour. I find so much excitement, prowling around the garden each day, noting what is poking through the earth, what has burgeoning buds, and what has actually unfurled.

The other item I have gone mad about is the purchase of a small shepherd's hut as a summerhouse. It's nearly ready to be wheeled into my front garden, where much is also going on. I've had brick and render planters built - they look good, and are easy to weed - new fencing and some raised vegetable beds. As for the shepherd's hut, I have been getting in bits and pieces to make it look wonderful inside: a velvet patchwork sofa, a lamp from Morocco and I shall be painting up old chests of drawers and making the interior look as gypsified as I can.

I always wanted a gypsy caravan, or vardo, as they are called; and one night, over fifty years ago, I had a dream where I saw two of these caravans and wanted to buy one, but the lady said, "Oh, they are expensive, you know." I couldn't see them clearly in the dream. One looked as if it were painted black and red, and the other looked in a poor state of repair. There was an odd little snippet in the dream where a lady was dishing up fish and chips. I noted the dream in my dream diary, as in those days I had many prophetic dreams and I needed to catalogue them, and when the events happened, I could see how accurate the dream had been.

Twenty years later, I was having a drink in the pub with a friend and out of my mouth came the words, "What I want most in the world is a gypsy caravan." I was astonished to hear myself say this, as I hadn't even been thinking anything of the sort, but at the same time, I knew the man would say, "And I know where there is one." Which is exactly what he did say. There were two, he said, just down the road behind an antiques shop in Brancaster. He took me along, and there they were, dimly lit by moonlight. One looked as if it were painted black and red, and the other looked in a poor state of repair. The next day I whizzed excitedly along to the shop and asked if I could see the caravans. The woman said, "Oh, they are expensive, you know." The black and red one was actually burgundy, with beautifully painted scrolls and carved little birds in flight all around the sides of the vardo. The price was far more money than I had, but I asked her not to sell the burgundy one, I would find the money somehow. When I got home, to my surprise was an envelope in the post containing a cheque from a matured insurance policy. Wow! I then had a look in a savings account that didn't have much in it, but over the years the interest had added on enough, so that with the insurance policy I had enough for my indulgent purchase.

My daughter announced not long after that she was getting married, and wanted to use the caravan for the get-away vehicle after the ceremony. The theme had been struck, and so I set to arranging the wedding. I made the bride and bridesmaids' dresses, as well as outfits for the horse driver and five gypsy smocks and scarves for the jazz band to wear. They played Dixie in front of the vardo, whilst all the guests walked behind the vardo to Docking Village Hall, that I had turned into a French bistro with table cloths to match the gypsy



bridesmaids' dresses. I hoped the horse wouldn't spook and head for the sea in a cloud of dust. He didn't, behaving impeccably. Oh, and my daughter opted for a fish and chip reception (remember the lady in the dream dishing them up?) It was an unforgettable day. My daughter's name is Lucinda, but we always called her Cindy when she was little. I couldn't believe it when Hurricane Cindy turned up at the wedding - after devastating America - adding even more adrenalin to the day.

I had forgotten all about that dream until I unearthed my dream diary in order to write my book, the Magician's Daughter (in the Post Office for sale, by the way) which is a book I was ordered to write by the manifestation at the foot of my bed of a Native American Brave. I know, it is difficult to believe, but not a word of a lie. It amazed me to realise I had dreamed of something that would happen twenty years later.

Unfortunately, thirty-five years ago I had to sell the lovely vardo in order to fix the roof of the house Remote Control Man and I bought in Walsingham, so I have regretted that ever since, hence the shepherd's hut. It is not a wonderfully decorated and carved vardo like the Burton van I had before, but it will fill my needs for a bit of escapism in my old age while tending my new garden, and you might even spy me over the hedge, boiling up a kettle over a trivet for a nice cup of tea.

Dersingham Open Gardens will be in September this year, and I shall be one of the participants. Do pop in and see my magical dream garden.□



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Making Gardening Easier May Davey

At last we are going to meet again. By the time you get your copy of Village Voice, we shall have met at Dersingham Village Centre on Friday 21st May. Marianne Charles spoke about geraniums. There was no entrance charge and the tea was on the house.

At the time of writing in early May, the Centre is allowing sixty people to meet, with six to a table. We all need to wear masks. Tea is served to your seats, rather than have people queue up. By late June there may be fewer restrictions. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and we would be delighted to see you. We meet every third Friday of the month. Telephone May Davey with any enquiries: 01485 544953.

Our June meeting will be on Friday 18th June at 2.00 pm at the Dersingham Village Centre. We will be participating in **Our Own Flower Show**.

Below are photos taken at our house, Normanville, when we held an outdoor Committee meeting in April. From the left are Gloria Pantling (Secretary), Susan Neil (Publicity and Programme Organiser) and myself. □



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Our Zoom meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on **Monday 21st June**, Speaker Mark Lewis, on the William Morris Art and Craft Movement.

On **Monday 19th July** Charlotte Paton will speak about Zelia Hoffman (1867-1929), an American Abroad who took Norfolk by storm!

For anyone who would like to join us, the Hunstanton u3a website gives more details and membership information.

For further details and to request a Zoom link as a visitor contact
memsec.u3ah@gmail.com

Dersingham Tennis Club

Judy Collingham

Once restrictions were lifted, members of the Dersingham Tennis Club started off the season enthusiastically and with commitment, in spite of our rather cold spring. We have continued to play regularly, on club nights (Thursdays), for coaching (Wednesday mornings from 9.30am) and organizing private doubles and practice sessions. We have already started to look towards the league this season and fixtures are being organized as I write.



All of this is to say that we are open for business and look forward to welcoming new members at our club sessions, or indeed at any time. Details of membership can be found at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/dersinghamtc>.

Tennis is a fun way to exercise and meet new people, as well as developing skills. With overseas travel currently curtailed due to Covid, and perhaps with less airline travel generally due to our awareness of climate change, now is the time to look to expand our interests locally. We look forward to welcoming you to our Club.

Don't forget that Dersingham Tennis Club is to host a Disco Supper on 3rd July as a way of getting to know fellow club members, both new and old, and also welcoming anybody who fancies joining us for a good night out. □



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Anmer Social Club

The Anmer Social Club Committee is pleased to announce that from Friday 21st May the Club will be open each Friday evening from 7.30pm to 10.30pm, and Saturday lunchtimes from 12.30 to 2.30pm. We hope members will come along to support the Club until we can open fully without restrictions. Numbers will be limited and the "Rule of 5" will apply until after 21st June, when it is hoped that other Covid restrictions will be lifted. Masks must be worn, with social distancing and table service rules applicable. QR codes or Track and Trace "sign ins" must be used as you enter the Club, with hand sanitisers available at the entrance.

A Grand Reopening event is planned for Saturday 26th June, starting at 3pm with a BBQ.

Other dates for your diaries are:

Friday 18th June – Quiz Night
Monday 5th July – Bingo Evening
Friday 23rd July – Musical Evening
Saturday 31st July – Pie and Mash Evening

We will still require those intending to come to events to book in advance, particularly for food nights, because of the catering involved. Please visit our website www.anmerclub.co.uk or Facebook page for further details.

We look forward to seeing you again. □

Watch out for hedgehogs! **CLlr Ann Watkins**

This is a reminder that hedgehogs and other small mammals are now well awake from hibernation and are now out on the hunt for water and food for themselves and their young. Hedgehogs are now on the Red List as a species in Danger of Extinction. Many die on the roads, but also in gardens through injuries from strimmers, dog bites, poisons, hiding in bonfire piles and now from robotic lawnmowers. □



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The Salvation Army

Alison Kirby

After many months of restrictions, things are finally starting to get back to normal. At the Salvation Army in Snettisham we are now open for worship on Sundays at 11am. At the time of writing, we are still limited on the number of people allowed to attend and so we have a booking system in place. If you would like to attend our Sunday worship, please call 01485 579079 and book a place by Friday lunchtime. Despite this limitation, it has been good to be back together as a worshipping community, praising God and meditating on his Word.

Our Community Shop in Hunstanton was able to reopen in April, and it was good to welcome back our staff and volunteers and our customers. It is open Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm and sells clothes, accessories, books, bric-a-brac and furniture. We also accept donations of these items and have been overwhelmed by the amount of donations we have received since reopening. Thank you for your kindness. The money raised in the Community Shop allows us to carry on our work in the local area, helping local people in their time of need and we couldn't do it without you!

We have also been able to restart selling *The War Cry* and the children's Christian comic *Kids Alive* in Hunstanton High Street. We are there on Friday mornings if you would like a copy.□

Ingoldisthorpe Village WI

Lesley Geer, President

I hope you all had a good Easter – time passes so quickly, despite life's restrictions. We are just waiting for the weather to warm up so we can have some outdoor get togethers. Our first *al fresco* Committee meeting is planned for mid-May, and, as far as I can say, we are still on schedule for everyone to meet up in July; we will have so much to talk about. In the meantime, we continue to communicate with members and keep them up to date with all the news from Federation and National, and I'm signing up to the various business Zoom meetings. By the time I write for the next edition, I hope there will be some normal activities to report on.

Take care, and catch up with all the mundane jobs, because when the sun shines, we will be out having fun!□

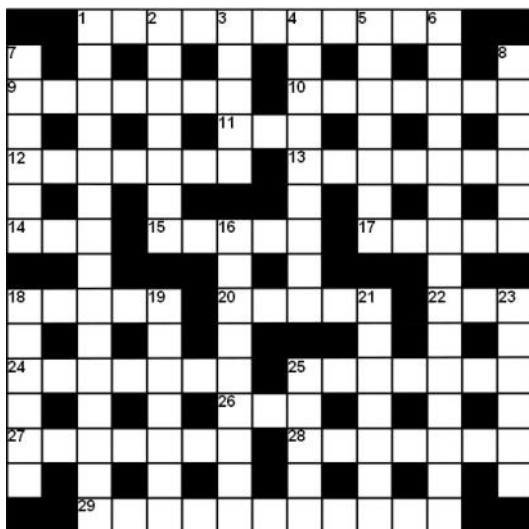


PUZZLE CORNER

Crossword by
Philip Neal

Across

- 1 Rogue surrounded by articles and supporters – magic! (11)
- 9 Receives mushroom in performances (7)
- 10 Tom's century knock heard at Lords (5,2)
- 11 Knock-out island swimmer (3)
- 12 Fleets welcomed Ada with open arms (7)
- 13 Post auction item for tights (7)
- 14 Catch the French and English backstroke (3)
- 15 Looking back at island from height of boat (5)
- 17 Suspect under enquiry while held by German vessel (5)
- 18 English stir fry and try again (5)
- 20 Is temperature inside museum in view? (5)
- 22 Leaves a slice of gâteau (3)
- 24 Greek poet and a French score (4,3)
- 25 Support remainder (7)
- 26 Mix and match hereditary characteristics (1,1,1)
- 27 Indonesian island surrounds English Indian (7)
- 28 In or information sent back for cocktail (7)
- 29 Son's performance rocking in New York chorus is simultaneous (11)

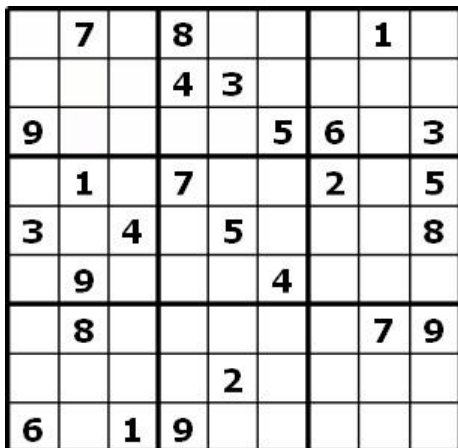


Answers on page 65

Down

- 1 Athletic club competition on H.M.S. Silent (refitted) yields talents (15)
- 2 Knock casually and quickly (7)
- 3 About questions for containers (5)
- 4 Wreaks havoc as in came tides at sea (9)
- 5 On the Avon but initially no good for swimming (7)
- 6 Criminally ill chase several Mafia and develop fibrous cord (8,7)
- 7 Destruction resulting from gem Ada broke (6)
- 8 Nazis surround gallery in Mid-West for example (6)
- 16 Cyclist's tobacco? (9)
- 18 Harry basher found in therapeutic training centres (6)
- 19 Suspect trainer went to ground (7)
- 21 Briefly claim or reversed lively (7)
- 23 Vinegar brewed by C.I.A. etc. (6)
- 25 Plucked, but VV editors not welcome! (5)

Sudoku



Dersingham Questions

Asked by Tony Bubb

Last time, I asked a question about the naming of Dersingham Avenue in Manor Park, East London. So far nothing has come to light. I have even contacted local historians and a school, with no success. But then I thought I would see if the name was used elsewhere and it is!

Firstly we must travel to Cricklewood in North West London, where Dersingham Road runs north from Cricklewood Lane, with no Norfolk names nearby. This is a road with mid-wars housing and also has a school, like Manor Park.

Go south now to Cosham, next to Portsmouth, and we find Dersingham Close, a local authority development, also from the thirties. Here, surrounding roads reflect locations in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire – so we are getting a bit closer. Off next to Coventry, where Dersingham Drive sits in splendid isolation, namewise, and looks to have been built in the late sixties.

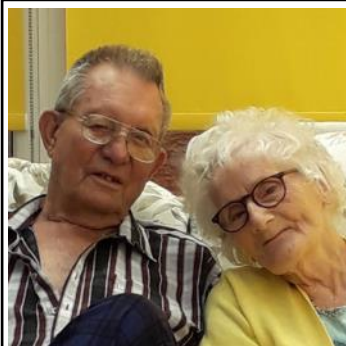
Next we go to Leicester and discover Dersingham Road settled amongst some names local to us: Sheringham, Heacham, Babingley, Burnham etc., but further to the south of these fifties houses we stray into Essex names, including Tiptree, with which I have three connections; OK, four, if you include my eating of the jam, and that is something else to follow up.

A bit further afield now and we are off to Cape Town, South Africa: Dersingham Road lies to the east of the city, fairly near the coast, and is handy for Croydon Baptist Church. More globetrotting gets us to Ontario in Canada to enjoy Dersingham Crescent in the suburb of Thornhill, which is a fairly recent collection of individual houses, well-placed, should you want Big Brother Wholesale, and who wouldn't.

I have saved the best until last – unless you know of more: Dersingham Drive, Sacramento, California.

This is a development of attractive, single storey properties, with the road being crossed at one point by Giant Panda Drive; only in America!

So the question still has to be – why?□



Sadly, on 5th January this year I lost my husband of 61 years, Peter Daniels. He was a very well-known resident of the village and he and I used to run Dersingham Social Club in its heyday. I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who helped and supported us through a very difficult time and to everyone who sent cards and condolences. Also to let others know, who perhaps have not heard about Peter's passing.

Jill Daniels



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Sandringham Estate News

Garry Marsden

Sandringham Gardens and the facilities at the courtyard have once again reopened their doors in the last few weeks, with the addition of the

improved children's play area in the Royal Parkland proving a huge hit for local families.

The gardeners have been hard at work over the last few months developing areas in the Gardens, notably "The Glade Area", adding large varieties of magnolias, cherries and wisteria, to create new interest in the spring. The new Arboretum area next to the car park is also now nearing completion, featuring planting from around the world to encourage new and different flora & fauna to flourish.

It is also lovely to see lots of people from the locality signing up to our membership scheme. The £45 per year now includes not only access to both car parks, the new play area and Sandringham Gardens, when open, but also 10% off all purchases in the gift shop terrace takeaway cafe, ice cream kiosk, as well as afternoon tea bookings and events!

The Royal Park is a great place to exercise your dog and we are grateful to everyone for keeping their dog under control and for clearing up after them or using the flick and stick policy in the wider park. We ask you to please remember that not everyone loves your dog, and a dog running up to a person can be quite a frightening experience if they are not a dog lover, so please do keep those four-legged friends under close control. Thank you.

The House, St Mary Magdalene Church and Sandringham Restaurant remain closed until 29th May in line with the Government guidelines. We are hoping that after this date, and after 21st June, more of our facilities will be open. Please see our website for the latest details on the relaxing of Covid restrictions: www.sandringhamestate.co.uk



Dersingham Institute Bowls Club

Jan Rawstron

The 2021 Bowls' season is now under way, albeit a day later than planned. We thought it would be inappropriate to start on 17th April, as it clashed with the funeral of Prince Philip, so we rescheduled for the next day. The opening was well-attended, and the first woods were bowled by Club President, Bob Meredith. We feel more confident this year, having dealt with all the Covid issues last season, and our members seem to have more confidence in coming to play, possibly because the majority have had their vaccinations. Currently we are restricted to a maximum of twenty-four players each time, and a booking system is in place on a first-come-first-served basis. Our Roll-ups on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons are very popular. I must say, it is such a joy to hear our bowlers laughing and exchanging jokes and experiences.



After the next milestone has been reached in the relaxing of restrictions, we hope to start our Wednesday afternoon league, which will henceforth be known as the Dickie Murrell Memorial League, in memory of our dear friend, Dickie. As the season progresses with more freedom, in conjunction with Dickie's family we hope to arrange a memorial day, with present and past members invited. Fingers crossed that will go ahead.

We also look forward to participating in two external leagues and our internal knockout competitions. We could not hold these last year due to the curtailed season, but are hoping for great things this year. We may even be able to hold our presentation lunch in October!!

I cannot finish without giving our greenkeeping volunteers a mention. They have rallied round and are doing a splendid job in caring for the green and surroundings. Thank you for all your efforts, they are very much appreciated.

By the time I write the next article, I hope all the above will be in full swing, and look forward to sharing our experiences with the Village Voice readers. So, enjoy the summer and stay safe.□

Word Wall by Philip Neal

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

CORSAIR	MOTH	ROCKING	CRICKET
MUSTANG	ME 109	ARCHERY	RUGBY
TRIATHLON	CROQUET	WASP	MOSQUITO
HORNET	CLOTHES DRYER	HURRICANE	TRIGGER

We return to face-to-face meetings again! April has been a fantastic month for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in Dersingham as the lifting of certain restrictions has meant they have been able to return to weekly meetings at their HQ. During lockdown, Guiding was kept alive with activities emailed home, and for the Guides they had Zoom meetings each week. However, we are now able to take part in activities together, play games and make lots of noise! It has been brilliant for all the girls and their leaders to be meeting again.

All the units have begun to complete a range of activities for the Anglia 50th Birthday Challenge (we are part of Girlguiding Anglia) and specific badges for their section. The girls have enjoyed planting seeds, creating lego monsters and carrying out science experiments, whilst the Guides were challenged to create a rainbow in a glass, using only sugar, water and food colouring, as well as creating a teddy zip-wire. It has also been possible for the girls to play lots of games outside, enjoying the fresh air. We cannot wait for what happens next, especially as this summer will see the 1st Dersingham Guides celebrate their 91st Birthday - we have had Guides in Dersingham since 1930.

It has also been fantastic to welcome new girls to each unit, and if your daughter would like to join Girlguiding and start her Guiding adventure: Rainbows are girls aged 5-7 years, Brownies are 7-10 years and Guides are 10+; you can register your interest to join by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk and selecting the unit you would like. The leader will then contact you and arrange the details. It does not matter if your daughter is not yet old enough to join, as we have a waiting list and we then contact you when your daughter is old enough and there is a space in the unit. □





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 7 – 10 years
On Thursday

 7 – 10 years
On Tuesday

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On Friday

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6 – 8 years
On Monday



8 – 10½ years
On Monday



10½ - 14 years
On Thursday

Crossword Answers

Across

1 Abracadabra. 9 Accepts. 10 Catch it. 11 Koi. 12 Armadas. 13 Maillot. 14 Eel. 15 Yacht. 17 Guess. 18 Resit. 20 Vista. 22 Tea. 24 Home run. 25 Balance. 26 D.N.A. 27 Bengali. 28 Negroni. 29 Synchronous.

Down

1 Accomplishments. 2 Rapidly. 3 Casks. 4 Decimates. 5 Bathing. 6 Achilles tendons. 7 Damage. 8 States. 16 Cavendish. 18 Rehabs. 19 Terrain. 21 Allegro. 23 Acetic. 25 Banjo.

Word Wall Answers.

Horses: Mustang, Clothes dryer, Rocking, Trigger (Roy Rogers)

WW2 Fighters: Corsair, ME 109, Hurricane, Mosquito

Insects: Hornet, Moth, Wasp, Cricket

Outdoor sports: Triathlon, Archery, Rugby, Croquet

Sudoku Answers

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

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