

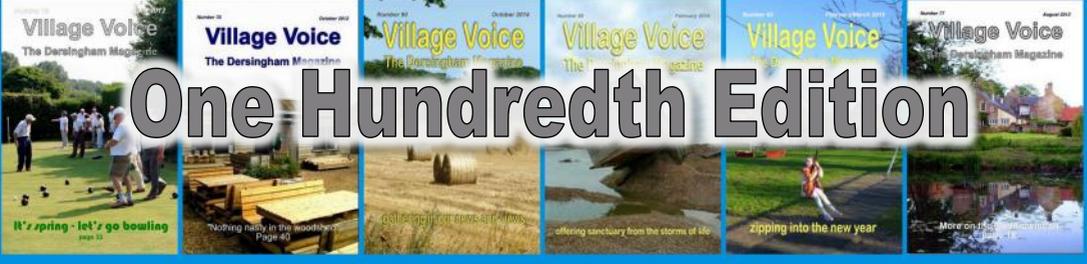
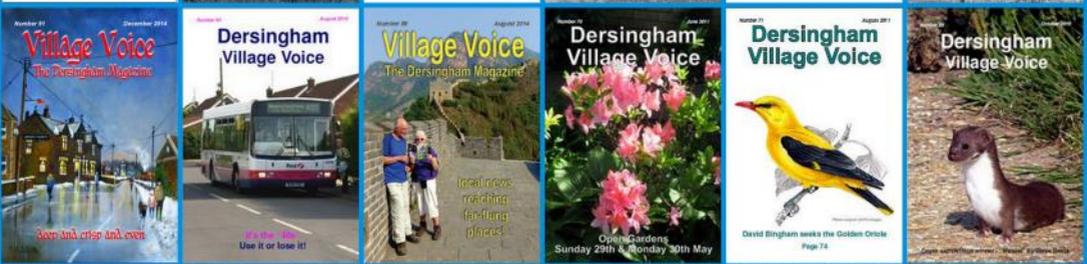


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Editor's Notes by Tony Bubb



Welcome to the 100th edition of Village Voice. It's strange how things crop up. Last time you may remember I mentioned in passing the auctions that Peter Leech ran at the Old Hall. This time we have an enquiry into some paintings sold there in 1978. Did any of you buy one?

Our cover this time is a montage of some of the ninety nine covers that have graced Village Voice so far.

As it is the "shop window" for the magazine we always try to make it eye catching as well as relevant to the contents in some way so if you are submitting articles do bear this in mind and you might get on the front.

I got a tremendous amount of feedback from my entry about the mice and I am sure that you are all on the edges of your seats wondering what has happened. Well the answer is not very much. The shed remains pest free and his idleness the cat has found a few very small mice to offer to us. His real speciality is pigeons and, with this being the season for such, has been producing a few squabs that have probably fallen out of what passes for a nest in the pigeon world. Climbing up to get them just is not on his agenda. Ideally we should be getting them for him!



Last time we had a piece about Cromer from Steve and I had also been there. More recently I went to Skegness so you don't have to. Suffice it to say that we are much luckier to have Hunstanton as our nearest seaside resort. Three hours of its bracing climate and streets full of gift shops and penny arcades were quite enough for the next few years. It's only real plus point is that you can see the West Norfolk coast from there through the wind farms.

Editing this edition has been interesting as it was done remotely. As I write I can only look forward to our new team doing a good job, as I am

sure they will, but I won't see it until the final proof stage.

There is a good range of reading for you but not much of the reminiscing over past editions and the follow up that I had hoped for. Horses to water etc. etc.

You will find details of fun days and the Open Gardens and Art Trail of course. The walking group's up-coming trips are listed and much more as well.

We are always looking for new talent. Last time we had a story from "Tulip" which I omitted to mention was written by one of the Dersingham Writers Group - sorry Tulip. If you have a creative urge do send it in, we also have not had much in the way of poetry lately so if you are gripped with the muse do let us have it.

So now we start on VV 101 - doesn't that number ring a bell? Hmmm.

Tony Bubb- editor@dersingham.org.uk □

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About five years ago I did a course on arthritis care which was a course to learn about it and how to cope with it from day to day. When the course finished the group of people there decided to keep in contact because of all the friends we had made at the time. It has been successful. Caroline, one of the group leaders who ran the course still comes to our meetings to see how we all are and how we are coping with our arthritis. I organise the group meetings which meet every 2nd Thursday every two months. We meet at the Methodist Church, Austin Street, Hunstanton PE36 6AL. Caroline suggested we turned our group meeting into a drop in centre which I thought was a good idea. Anyone with any arthritis problems would be able to speak to Caroline, then afterwards come and join me and all the group for a cup of tea or coffee and a social chat. We are a friendly group. There are men as well as women so all are welcome. Our next meeting is June 2nd 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.. If you would like to know a little more please ring Lynn Hallifax on 01485 533611.

Lynne Hallifax

It was interesting to read Mrs. Titcomb's letter (April issue) regarding the mushrooming of constructions on the allotments. When the allotments were set up, many years ago, the thirty plots gave village residents, who were tenants, enough land to be self sufficient in caring for their families.

Times have changed, more people, less time to dig but more particularly a desire to grow our own on a smaller scale. In an effort to meet demand Dersingham United Charity Trustees sanctioned dividing plots into halves or quarters and now there are seventy tenants all needing storage for tools and shelter for their crops. As any gardener will know, unpredictable weather conditions and pests, particularly pigeons, have had a detrimental effect on successful crop growing, hence the need for protection. Although the structures are substantial NONE are permanent (i.e. not fixed bases) in compliance with tenancy agreements.

From the allotment holders' viewpoint, times have changed for them too. Instead of looking out on a tree lined Station Road, houses now replace the rural scene. And so the circle continues - more people, more plots and more construction.

Ruth Mountain, Clerk to Dersingham United Charities on behalf of allotment tenants.

I paid a visit to Dersingham last August and saw in the Village Voice an article about Riches and Gilbert Milk Bottles. My name is Carol Samms (nee Cansdale), and my mother was born in Dersingham and her name was Phyllis Riches and was Jim Riches' sister. She lived in Centre Vale that I visited many times as a child; she was the youngest of 12 children born to Anne Maria and John Grimes Riches. Her other siblings that I can remember were, George, Eva, Ivy, Aggie, Frances. I can remember going to Jim's diary when I was a child and to his house in White Horse Drive. Eric who was in the photo with Jim was my cousin and the son of Beattie and George Riches. I was wondering if any of the family are still living in the area.

Carol Samms

I wonder if the legal owner of the Peafowl (Peacocks and Peahens) on Park Hill, could make themselves known to the Parish office. These birds are causing a nuisance and we need to try and establish who is the legal owner before we take any action.

Cllr A Hobson





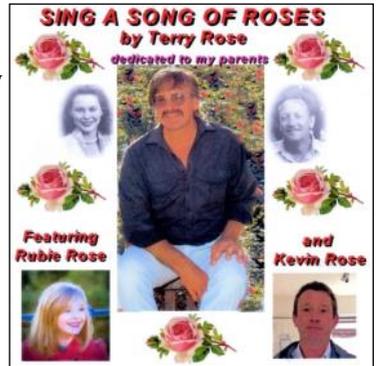
The long bank of daffodils along the recreation ground boundary (planted by the Task Force, I believe) is a delight. Thank you to all concerned for making such a welcoming feature in our village, which we can look forward to year after year.

May R Davey

I have made a CD as a tribute to my parents, Joy and John Rose who encouraged me from an early age to play music and be a singer of songs. The CD is entitled "Sing a song of Roses".

There are twenty one tracks of mixed songs ranging from pop songs of the past to country, Irish traditional and standards. There are also two tracks from grand daughter Rubie who is eleven and my son Kevin singing and playing live. The CD is priced at £5 and is on sale from me on 07817 938792 or leave a message on 01485 541198. You can also find them at the Post Office.

All proceeds are going to True's Yard Museum.



Terry Rose □

Gardening with Disabilities (Norfolk)

Dersingham Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, will be giving a talk about his job and his love of trees to the Gardening with Disabilities (Norfolk) club on Friday, 20 May in the Conservatory at Park House on the Sandringham Estate at 2.00pm.

The Club aims to make gardening easier for people with less agility and mobility as they grow older. It is a friendly group of about 40 people with talks, outings to interesting gardens, and even a flower show from Members' own gardens in July.

Anyone is welcome to come to the talks, see how they enjoy the company and perhaps join the club after a couple of visits.

On Friday 10 June, the Members will be visiting Beales Rose Gardens, where there will be tea and a talk before a walk around the gardens. The late Peter Beales was one of the foundation members of the Club.

If you are interested in joining us at the meetings or on our visits, please phone May Davey on 01485-544953.

May R Davey, Speaker-Finder and Programme Secretary □

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Parish Council Report

This, 100th, edition of Village Voice has been produced in the Parish Office. I am grateful to Sarah and Geraldine for their hard work in putting it together. Thank you Steve Davis for your help with training and support.

Celebrations - The Parish Council lit a Beacon, along with many other people across the Country, on April 21st to mark the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Sandringham Guides helped by hosting the event, serving refreshments and

leading the singing of the National Anthem. I would like to thank Richard & Anna Stanton for their assistance in loaning the trailer on which the Beacon sat. Events to mark The Queen's Official Birthday are being planned for the weekend of June 11th and 12th, especially at St Nicholas Church & Hall. Information will be circulated around the village so please check notice boards.

Dersingham Works – The Dersingham Village Centre Association is organising, with The Skills Service, a Business Breakfast, followed by an Employer Market Place, on Tuesday June 21st. One of the aims will be to showcase what the new Village Centre could be used for; another will be to encourage links between local business and schools. If you are interested in attending, contact me at sue.payne@dersingham.org.uk

Union Flag at the War Memorial - At the time of writing we have received several complaints about the flag being hung upside down. We have been trying to resolve this with the local British Legion Branch who actually own the flag and hope the situation will be rectified soon.

Dog Fouling - We have had several complaints about litter, fly-tipping and dog-fouling around the Sports Field. The Sports Field is not an official dog-walking area. Responsible dog-owners are welcome to exercise their dogs there as long as they clear up after their animal. Volunteers on the Sports Ground Management Committee work hard to maintain the field for the football and cricket teams who use it. There are litter bins around the field, so please use them.

We are aware that the drain has been getting clogged with rubbish – including a load of leaflets from a local store, which had been dumped there. If the drain gets blocked properties in the vicinity could get flooded.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on April 21st, the problem with dog-fouling across the village was raised by parishioners. If you own a dog, you should be prepared to pick up its faeces. Dersingham has many dog-poo bins. The waste can also be deposited in any litter bin, or in your black bin if double-bagged. So, there really is no excuse. People are reporting issues to the Borough Council who may carry out patrols and issue a fine to anyone caught not picking up after their dog.

The Recreation Ground is **not** a dog exercise area. Dogs are banned from the Children's Play Area under a Public Space Protection Order, which will soon be extended to the whole Recreation Ground.

Parish Council Meetings - We would love to see more members of the public at Parish Council meetings. You have an allotted time to state your views on what the Parish Council does, and ask questions relating to the agenda. Please do come along – after all it is your money that we are spending – and you will be made very welcome. Details of Full Council and Committee meetings in 2016 can be found in the Parish Office window and our notice boards at the Library, opposite Budgens, at Thaxters, and at the Recreation Ground, by the bus stop. The events calendar in the Parish office is being filled; please let us know if you are planning something. You can contact Sarah, the Clerk, about Parish Council matters, Village Voice, and any of the items above. Tel: 01485 541465; email: clerk@dersingham.org.uk . □



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More information will be in August's Village Voice.

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All clients are fully consulted about their needs. A piece of equipment is then designed and made to solve their specific problem. Some devices are made from scratch— others are modifications or attachments to standard products. Sometimes it may only be advice that is required. All of this is achieved by a network of some 1,000 volunteers organised into about 80 local panels across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. REMAP volunteers are professional engineers, craftspeople, technicians, healthcare professionals and skilled helpers as well as DIY enthusiasts.

Your local panel is based in King's Lynn and covers an area extending from Sutton Bridge in the west, through Wisbech, Downham Market, Swaffham, Fakenham, to Wells in the north.

You may think that companies already exist to help people with disabilities and you would be correct. However, the difference is that REMAP is not a commercial organisation and is not in competition with them. More importantly, our volunteers will determine a solution for the very specific need of the individual which cannot be satisfied by any current product that may exist. Also by working closely with the client and their family or their support service the needs can be better understood and targeted.

We welcome referrals from individuals, carers or health professionals and we would particularly welcome enquiries from individuals who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help us achieve our aims.

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Our local contacts are: John Cole 01485 542412 and Brian Kallagher on 01553 673923
Website: www.remap.org.uk □



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Tuesday 28th June, 7.30pm

Members' Evening

including contributions from Allan Hale & Chris Knights

Although this is described as a NarVOS Members' evening, everyone is welcome. We will have a couple of talks from such respected NarVOS stalwarts as Allan Hale and Chris Knights. Also, we invite members and visitors to bring along books, photographs, paintings or anything else of wildlife interest to this informal meeting.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member.

For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

Not So Old Picture Corner by Tony Bubb

Both from around 20 years ago, these pictures show the royal family visiting Dersingham. The Queen with an injured hand popping into phobbies and the Queen Mother joining other royals at the church for a summer evening concert Mayor Paul Richards looks impressed. □





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Gardening for Bees

by David Bingham

I'm not a particularly keen gardener but I do find gardens that attract wildlife enjoyable places to visit – far more so than those whose attractions are purely floral. Last year I spent some time trying to make our garden bee friendly by planting flowers that would attract them right through the year. Bees get everything they need from flowers. The nectar gives them energy to power their busy lives and the pollen gives them the protein they need to build their bodies and produce their offspring. In return, bees pollinate flowering plants and they have been co-evolving for millions of years. Many of the flowers we enjoy are the shape and colour they are simply to attract bees and efficiently transfer pollen between flowers.

We have quite a lot of heather in our garden, which is easy to grow in our light sandy soil, and this always attracts the first bees of the year. Last year I sowed packets of seeds that were advertised as being attractive to bees and these sprang up in profusion. I admit to not knowing what most of them were with the exception of borage, which is supposed to taste of cucumber and is often used as a colourful garnish for Pimm's – not that I've ever tried Pimm's. These annuals did attract bees but they were far less visited than the main event – the flowering of the lavender.

I watched an episode of Gardeners' World last year with interest because Monty Don was explaining how to grow lavender. He was digging trenches and filling them with rubble to act as drainage. In Dersingham we don't need to go to this much trouble and our garden is full of lavender and I have no recollection of ever actually planting any. Bees are attracted to all of the lavender in the garden but a particularly large patch, about six feet across, seems to be a magnet for them. I have to admit that my bee identification skills aren't great and I used a chart produced by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to get started. This was useful but not enough to identify all the bees I was seeing so I lowered my ambitions and concentrated on trying to identify only the bumblebees - ignoring their less furry cousins. Even this limited aim had to be watered down when I found I couldn't actually tell the difference between buff-tailed and white-tailed bumblebees.

Apart from the frustrations of trying to get my head around the difference between these two common species I got a lot of pleasure from identifying the bumblebees that were visiting the garden. There were common carder, red tailed, forest cuckoo and tree bumblebees in large numbers - I actually saw far more bees in our garden than I did on a day visit to RHS Wisley. I only saw one garden bumblebee but this was memorable because it was massive and reminded me of those winged balls I've seen in Harry Potter films. It made a beeline for the honeysuckle and used its long tongue to get down to the nectar – the other species that visit the garden are short tongued and couldn't do this.

As the summer progressed, other flowers proved attractive to bumblebees - such as the globe thistles in the photograph. These flower heads grew to head height (at least to the height of my head) so it was possible to have close encounters with bumblebees without needing to bend down. I also planted some Michaelmas daisies to provide food into the autumn but I didn't see any bumblebees visiting these. Bumblebees are great to have around - not only because they are attractive to look at and provide part of



the soundscape of summer, but also because they are important pollinators. Bee populations are in decline and you can do something to reverse this decline by planting bee friendly flowers in your garden. You could also help them by doing nothing and allowing that straggly clump of lavender to grow and spread beyond the neat confines of the flower border. □

Thinking Day 2016

by Elizabeth Wheeler

Every year Guides across the world celebrate that they are part of a worldwide family on 22nd February - Thinking Day, a day chosen as it is the birthday of both Lord & Lady Baden-Powell.

This year the Rainbows, Brownies & Guides from Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe, Snettisham, Sandringham and Gayton came together to celebrate on Sunday 21st at Dersingham Primary School. The girls enjoyed games, songs, refreshments and being together. They also all renewed their Guide Promise and made a friendship pennant to swap to make a new Guiding friend.

The next day, the 22nd was the first day back at school after half-term and many of the girls were able to wear their uniform to school to celebrate - one Brownie even wore her uniform on the plane flying back from a holiday to Mexico!

Dersingham Guides get Cooking



The 1st Dersingham Guides have spent the start of 2016 working towards their Cooks badge. The girls had to cook many different dishes, including one they chose themselves, international food, gluten-free, fruit salad (later made into smoothies) and soups. They also had to produce a weeks healthy eating menu and demonstrate the correct use of equipment and good food hygiene.

The Caterpillar patrol made Chocolate Skittle cake, the Pandas, Red Velvet cake, the Elephants Meatballs and rice with cookies and the Dolphins made Pizzas and Shortbread sunglasses.

The girls all worked very hard and more than earned their badge.



Girlguiding Dersingham Celebrate with a Street Party fit for a Queen



Seventy girls of the Dersingham Rainbows, 1st & 2nd Brownies and Guides, plus leaders, helpers and Trefoil Guild members came together at their HQ to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday with a Street Party on 22nd April. The girls helped to decorate the HQ by making birthday bunting from stickers, wrapping paper and pictures of the Queen. They enjoyed silly team games outside, including stilt races and Potato & Spoon races as well a giant pass-the-parcel! Everyone then sat down to eat with the tables covered by plates of sandwiches, crisps, and cake.

The evening ending with singing Happy Birthday to the Queen and some silly action songs. All the girls received a party bag, which contained a piece of the giant birthday cake. In their



previous meetings the girls had made cards, which they have sent to The Queen.

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Just a Thought... from Revd Steve Oliver

I was a great fan of Terry Wogan in the morning, especially about 8am. The reason I say this is that around that time Terry would tell a Janet and John story which if you are not aware of them are very funny and full of innuendo. (I do have a book of them somewhere and still can’t help laughing at the stories).

These stories used to cause so much laughter in the studio that they could not control themselves enough to read the traffic news properly. I have to admit it cheered me up especially when I was having one of those bad morning feelings.

On looking back over those moments it made me think about laughter in the bible. Having looked at this more closely I realised there is little said about it, in fact the word or the emotion is used very little. But when you look closer at what the bible is really saying, it doesn’t have to use the word laugh at all because the joy that comes through when the world is made, the joy when Elizabeth and Mary become pregnant, when Jesus speaks of the joy of eternal life, laughter becomes implicit with that emotion. I also think Jesus had an amazing sense of humour.

Laughter becomes even more apparent in Acts when the disciples become full of the Holy Spirit. You can hear their happiness, you can feel their elation and you could quite easily laugh with joy with them as they speak in the different languages. The Spirit brings with it many emotions, and we should never be afraid to express our feeling of joy through the use of laughter, because our joy brings laughter to others and as Christians isn’t that what we need to do in what seems at present a very sad World?

I would want to thank everyone from the Village Voice for the joy they have given over the past 100 issues and look forward to another 100 issues of the best of Dersingham life.

Blessed are those to whom the Holy Spirit gives joy and laughter.

I pray that you are blessed with that joy each day. □





Dersingham Walking Group

Welcome to the Dersingham Walking Group, which provides regular guided walks round the local countryside. The walks are free, just turn up on the day wearing suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Dogs are welcome, provided they're well behaved.

On our recent King's Lynn walk, which was led by Tony Bubb, we crossed the Ouse on the ferry; after all even the hikers of Dersingham can't actually walk on water! Several of our upcoming walks have a watery element too, as you'll see. We'll be following the coastal path at Thornham, and then in June we'll look out over the sea from Barrow Common, Brancaster. Even closer to the water will be our 22nd June walk, right on the coast at the Snettisham RSPB reserve.

Do join us for these walks. New walkers are very welcome and it's great to meet a few people, have a chat and get some exercise and fresh air. If you would like to lead a walk yourself we are always keen to have new leaders, so please get in touch.



Details of our next walks are:

Wednesday 25th May 6.00pm Starting point: Thornham Church

Grid ref: TF 733 434 Length of walk: 4 miles.

The first of our summer evening walks. We'll head up to the boats and barn at Thornham harbour before following the path out to and along the beach. Return through the pine woods on the coast path. There's often a super sunset by the time we finish the walk.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

Wednesday 8th June 2.00pm Starting point: St Mary's church Brancaster.

Grid ref: TF 772 439 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

Leaving Brancaster church we head out of the village and up over Barrow Common where there are great views of the coast. We then descend to return along the Norfolk Coast path.

Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757

Wednesday 22nd June 2.00pm Starting point: Snettisham RSPB car park, Beach Rd.

Snettisham Grid ref: TF 651 329 Length of walk: 5 miles.

We've often walked to the RSPB reserve from Dersingham, but this time we'll explore the Snettisham area of the reserve and continue along the coast.

Leader: Cliff Jordan 01485 541115

Wednesday 13th July 2.00pm Starting point: Car park behind the Dogotel, off the A148

at Harpley Dams. Grid ref: TF 772 255 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

An afternoon amble starting on the Peddars Way national trail and then following some of the numerous field and farm tracks that criss-cross this delightful countryside.

Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940

Wednesday 27th July 6.00pm Starting point: Old Dersingham railway station, Station Rd.

Grid ref: TF 680 307 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

A classic Dersingham and Ingoldisthorpe circuit. The old railway track, then up to the dizzy heights above the village. There should be some good views over the Wash to Lincolnshire.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

You can see the full walks programme on our page at the new parish council website. Just go to

Dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup/



From Barrow Common

Quoted grid references are for the relevant Ordnance Survey map, usually Landranger sheet 132 or Explorer sheet 250.

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. As Alfred Wainwright said "watch where you put your feet"!

If you would like more information about an individual walk, such as the going underfoot, stiles etc. please contact the walk leader.

Group coordinator: Stephen Martyn (Stephen.martyn@gmail.com) □



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Lost works by Norwich pub artist by Paul Burall

Have you noticed the large three-dimensional model sailing ship that dominates one of the exterior walls of The Ship hotel in Brancaster? Or the huge panel on the front of the Coachmakers' Arms in St Stephen's Road in Norwich depicting the St Stephen's Gates as they were in the time of Charles II?



Both of these works are by the renowned pub artist John Moray Smith, who was employed by the Norfolk brewery Morgans between the mid-1930s and the 60s to provide paintings and plaques to give character to its pubs in the county: these were probably the first themed pubs in the UK.



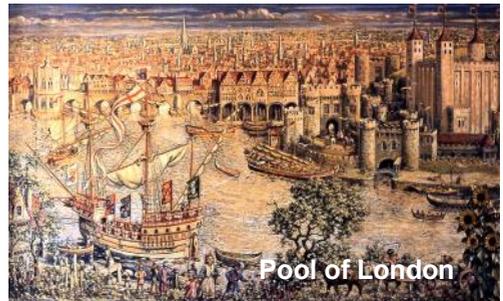
Armada

More of this extraordinary artist's work can be seen in Norwich (including a wonderfully florid panel on the exterior of the Prince of Denmark pub and some interior panels in the Coach & Horses pub) as well as at the Gressenhall Rural Life Museum and the museum in Cromer.

I have been asked by the Norwich Society to write a booklet about Moray Smith and his colourful life and am now trying to track down some of his lost work. I recently discovered that a large number of his

paintings and plaques were sold at Peter Leech's auction rooms in Dersingham in 1978.

One of these – a fine painting of ships in the Pool of London – was offered for sale late last year and the seller told me that his father had bought ten Moray Smith's at the Dersingham auction. He had immediately sold five of the pictures and most of the remainder have been sold since. However, the purchasers and whereabouts of these are unknown.



Pool of London

Morgans Brewery was sold to Bullards and Steward & Patteson in the 1960s and later sold on to Watney Mann. It is likely that the Moray Smith's auctioned in Dersingham were disposed of some time after they were removed from the various pubs they had been painted for. It is known that two other paintings – one of the Armada and another of a ship at Rochester – were painted for the Brancaster Ship hotel, so it is likely that these were among those auctioned in 1978.

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If any reader of *Village Voice* has any knowledge of the whereabouts of any of these missing pictures and plaques, the Norwich Society would very much like to hear from you. And if anyone happens to have a catalogue or any other information about what was sold in that 1978 Dersingham auction, again that would be very useful in helping us to track down the missing works.

Incidentally, the Gressenhall Museum is intending to put on a special exhibition of Moray Smith's work in 2018 as part of a larger exhibition about the role of the pub in Norfolk.

If you have any information, please contact Paul Burall either by email at drayton@burall.one or telephone (01603) 927289. □



Ship at Rochester

Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny



Well now here we are, the 100 issue of the Dersingham Village Voice and I am very pleased to say that I have written in over ninety of them.

Andrew

Let's start with the letter from Andrew Berry. I can remember Andrew, his mother and father, and I believe he had a sister, though I cannot recall her name. Andrew lived in No 37 Lynn Road, a house that had been built by my great uncle Tom Drew; and my uncle Sid Hunter and his wife Nelly lived next door at No 39 with my cousins, Jane, John and Ann, who all still live in the village. My mother and I lived in No 41; my father was still in the army. We moved a bit further up the road to No 63 in 1946. One thing I remember about Andrew, and I am sure he will not mind me reminding

him about it, is the fact his father worked in King's Lynn and I think it was for the Lynn News and Advertiser. He had to be at work at 7am every morning, so when the paper lorry came through the village every morning at 5.45am the driver would blow his horn as hard as he could to give Andrew's father a wake-up call.

The Elephant in the Village

Now then, about the picture of the elephant in the February issue of Village Voice. I had a very good friend, Bob (Rocky) Steel, who told me that in the late nineteen thirties he lived at No 66 Lynn Road Dersingham, and one day his father shouted at him to go out on to the road to watch a circus go by with an elephant and a pony leading the parade. They set the big top up in Jimmy Baulding's field, which was between Mr Riches, the boot mender's shop, and garden cottages (garden bungalows). Whilst the circus was there Bob took his sister to see it. Before she got in she lost her sixpence for the admission to get in, so she tried to get in under the tent but was caught, but when she said she had lost her sixpence they let her in. Bob remembers that the elephant squirted water from a bath in the ring over the audience. The circus stayed in Dersingham for about five days and then it went on to Hunstanton. After the Second World War we had one or two circuses set up in Dersingham, as Andrew said. One set up in the field behind the Dun-Cow near Gelham Manor. Berni Twite remembers one setting up in the grounds of the Old Hall and I can remember a fun fair setting up on this ground also.

Allotments

I was interested in the letter from Heather Titcomb about the sheds and other buildings on the Station Road allotments. At one time we had five allotments in Dersingham and most of them had sheds on of all different shapes and sizes. Some would even have a small stove in them and curtains up the windows.

Also a lot of people kept chickens, pigs, goats, and even horses on their allotments, so you would get awakened at the break of day by a cockerel crowing. Here at Hunstanton we have a competition each year for the smartest shed and the best-kept allotment. There is some fancy old sheds.



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Mr Hare's Poem

Now then all you good people of Dersingham, as this is the one hundredth issue of the Village Voice I am going to finish off with a very lovely poem that was written many years ago by a Mr J E Hare, who lived up Doddshill.

I would just like to thank all my many friends who have helped me out in my writing in the Village Voice, especially when I could not remember a name or place.

Here's to the next one hundred issues. All the very best to you all, don't forget just *keep a troshin*.

Dersingham by J E Hare

Winter's past and from her hill-tops
Dersingham is seen
Looking very beautiful
Bathed in the sun's gold beam
Red and grey roofed houses small and tall
The little chapel midst them all
The church a tower of strength is there
Mellowed by centuries of prayer

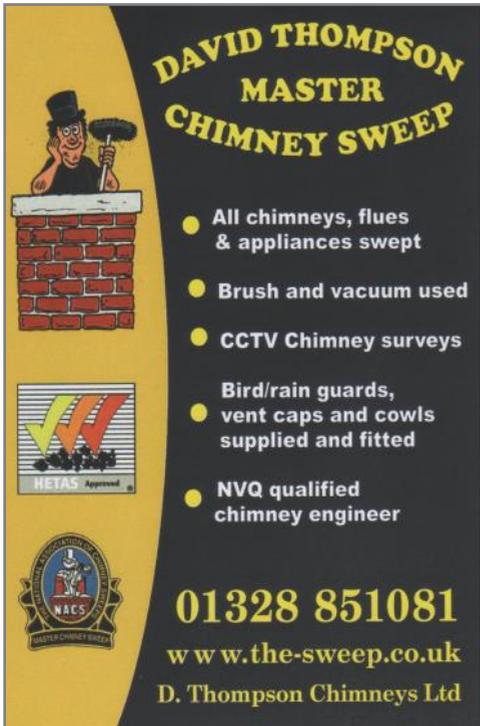
The heathlands stretching wide and far
Where just behind the woodlands are
It's good off-times one's way to wind
Across the heath the stream to find
Where wild mint, honeysuckle's found
To scent the air
As all around a sweet awareness grows
And thro' the heart sheer pleasure flows

Beyond the heath and Fenlands
The marshes gently run
Down to the sea, the shining sea
A jewel in the sun
Here we find dear nature just as she likes to be
Wildlife in its glory, in its beauty by the sea

I love to walk in Dersingham
As daylight hours fade
And see the friendly window lights
A shining thro' the shade
Calling to mind a bungalow
Light streaming from a room
And written on the bank in shining pebbles
Hurry home

I remember Doddshill Road
When there were houses very few
An arch of hemlock o'er the road
And lovely it was too
The elm-lands great enchantment - great elms, stream,
Pond, blackberries and footpath gay
We always went to shop that way

Oh Dersingham with all your charm
And beauty old and new
With old tithe barn, halls, inns and farms
And pleasant pastures too
I'm sure that all who know and love
Each corner of you well
Agree it is indeed a lovely place
In which to dwell □



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The planning for this year's Open Gardens and Art Trail has been going on for many months and finally it's time for this splendid annual event to take place. Four new gardens join thirteen old favourites, but there are always changes going on. New beds have appeared, new plants are being tested to see if they have found the right spot, trees and shrubs come and go. This year there has not been so much frost damage, except a little to those plants which became too excited with the late winter warm weather. But several gardeners, even right in the middle of the village, are reporting damage by muntjac deer that seem to be getting bolder and bolder.



About eleven artists are either opening up their studios and gardens or are exhibiting with another open studio. The public can meet the artists, take a look at their work, and may even be tempted to buy an original work, a print or a greetings card! The artists are mainly painters, but there is also a potter and a photographer. All will warmly welcome your visit. Spread out through the gardens are opportunities to buy plants, asparagus, bric-a-brac and second hand books, and Ken Warner with his stand of glorious geraniums and other plants for sale.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day in the Church Hall, starting with coffee and cakes from 11.00; through a substantial lunch menu of soup, a hot dish, ploughmans, delicious filled baps, and little cakes; to the Church catering team's amazing and well-known cream teas in the afternoon.

Tickets are £5.00 each (under 16s free) and are available on the day at the Church Hall or from participating gardens. You can buy your tickets for £4.00 each in advance from Dersingham Post Office.

Do come and enjoy this entertaining day out and take the opportunity to take a look behind the scenes at what Dersingham has to offer. Full details at

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Village Voice and Me by Steve Davis



Well, here it is at last, issue number 100, the one I had always aspired to complete my time as editor until things got the better of me last summer and I had to finish, five issues short of my target. But the show has gone on, thanks to Tony's drive and determination and now, with this issue, a good deal more support in its production from clerical assistant Geraldine in the Parish Office.

Lindsey and I upped sticks from our home of 29 years in Rochester, where I was a Senior Lecturer in Computing and Software Engineering at Mid-Kent College, affiliated to the University of Kent, to move to Dersingham in December 2006. We'd actually agreed to the purchase of Bluebell Cottage back in the summer and, taking some while to complete, I had to content myself, in the intervening time, with surfing the Net to discover what information I could about the goings on in and around Dersingham. Not surprisingly, I soon came across the online version of Village Voice, bearing the smiling face of the then editor, now sadly late Bob Tipling and was thus soon clued up. We already had a love of north Norfolk from several past holidays and some family connections in the area but, once here, we quickly fell in love with the village of Dersingham, its people and the surrounding countryside. Still five years short of retirement, I continued with my work at the College, travelling down to Kent during the week to stay with my mother then also resident in the Medway Towns whilst Lindsey remained here to blossom and grow. This weekly upheaval did however take its toll so, after seeing out the remainder of the current academic year, I decided to call it a day and resigned from my post. With our three children now having flown the nest we thought let's just see how we make out.

So it was that on 1st September 2007 I ceased to be in permanent employment and tried my hand at being self-employed, making and printing greeting cards and notelets with photos of local scenes to sell at craft fayres and coffee mornings, tutoring the odd Adult Education computing class and then, with some trepidation, placing an eighth page advert offering my services for help with home computing, firstly in St Nicholas Church Magazine before starting with Village Voice issue 50 in February 2008, the last under the editorship of Bob Tipling. In the spring of that year, some might remember the *American white-crowned sparrow* that had somehow flown off course and taken up residence in the vicarage garden at Cley-next-the-Sea. I felt honoured and quite smug that the new "acting editor" Tony Bubb saw fit to include my photo of this bird amongst his first editorial notes in issue 51, April 2008. Of course it was just in black and white then, so here it is again in colour.



Although I never really managed to make very much of a living from my home computing exploits, I did enjoy it immensely and it was a great learning experience, meeting and getting to know so many folk as I cycled around the village and surrounding area from home to home, as well as gaining a good mental map of the streets of Dersingham. In the Summer of 2008, I received a phone call from our esteemed editor who, having read my advert, had wondered whether it might give my credibility a boost were I to write a regular piece on some aspect of computing or technology for the magazine. So issue 54, October 2008 included my first piece "*Google, it's Bigger than You Think*", followed by "*Dreaming of an e-Christmas*" in issue 55, December 2008 and I never really missed an issue after that. (Note however that the accolade for the longest serving contributor must surely go to David Bingham from the RSPB who had articles in every single issue bar two recent ones, that somehow went astray in the system, through no fault of his own.)

Village Voice had, for some while, been distributed around Dersingham along with one of the free King's Lynn local papers. This not only added to the cost but didn't necessarily reach all parts. Having already volunteered to help with the distribution of the annual Dersingham Data,

after another conversation with Mr Bubb, I was from 2009 drafted in to get together and organise a team of willing volunteers to deliver Village Voice to every house in the village, and this has gone on to the present day. Now Tony, very much a key figure at the time on the Parish Council and of a, shall we say, persuasive disposition suggested that as I was now involved with the distribution of the magazine, I should really be co-opted onto the council's Communications Committee. This soon led to involvement with the development of the parish website www.dersingham.org.uk, a task, which despite my background in computing, was never really a particular speciality for me and I was very delighted, earlier this year, to finally relinquish all control of this to Stephen Martyn, as any who have looked at his new website will readily appreciate.

When Tony launched his Village Voice cover photograph competition on the theme of Dersingham Wildlife in 2010, I eagerly entered a few of my lucky snaps. It was a proud moment to receive my box of deliveries for issue 66, October 2010, all bearing my winning picture of a weasel on the front. It was slightly embarrassing to discover inside that my photos of a red admiral butterfly and a baby bluetit had taken second and third place, if a little deflating to then be told that there were actually only about five entries in total! My sincere apologies and commiserations to the runners up!

In 2011, with my teachers' pension kicking in, I decided to wind up my self-employed activities in favour of voluntary work and, after yet another conversation with Tony Bubb, took the plunge as a full parish councillor. Though this was a rewarding if, at times, challenging experience, my first love remained with the Communications Committee and in particular Village Voice. In 2012 Tony announced that he was looking to relinquish his editorship of Village Voice and, for a year, we sought hard to find a replacement, all to no avail. Slowly it began to sink in that maybe since, aside from Tony, I probably had more to do with the magazine than anyone else, I could give it a go. For a couple of months I genned up on the *Microsoft Publisher* software package, then, having stepped down as a parish councillor, presented my first issue as editor, number 82 in June 2013. As I've mentioned before, this was a very defining experience for me, from which I learned a tremendous amount through new computing skills gained, dealings with our helpful printers ClanPress, the enrichment of communicating with and affection I felt towards so many contributors, and the interaction with our Parish Office staff who looked after the administration and finance (with a little support from the odd spreadsheet or two from yours truly). Despite my non-literary background, slowish reading ability and struggles at school attaining a GCE qualification in written English, I have found, later in life, just how satisfying it is to write with enthusiasm and present one's experiences and travels. As editor I was able to help others to do the same. Were I a younger man looking for a new full-time paid job, I reckon I might possibly have had new employment opportunities opened up as a result!

Each successive editor has naturally stamped their own mark on the magazine's development and success. I suppose mine was overseeing the switch to all-colour production and format from issue 87, April 2014. Apart from the obvious benefits in appearance, this actually made the task of mixing the content of pages around so much easier with not having to ensure that the printers only received black and white content on some pages and colour on others.

Sadly, after packing issue 95 (August 2015) off to the printers, a relatively short bout of ill-health meant that I had to give up as editor, producer and distribution co-ordinator with immediate effect. Despite all his other commitments, not least as a borough councillor, the seemingly tireless and unflappable Tony Bubb stepped into the breach again and I want to pay tribute to him and express my gratitude for the significant contribution he has made to village life over the years, as indeed I am quite sure others would want to do. Tony really does however now want to pass on the



editorship. The office staff have taken on some of this role, but more voluntary help and support is required from those with either computing, communication or organisational skills if it is to continue on a secure footing into the future. Many of you with home computers will no doubt actually already have the software required if you subscribe to Microsoft's *Office 365*, an annual licence that provides you not only with the most up-to-date versions of software applications like *Word*, *Excel* and *PowerPoint*, but other less known applications, in particular *Publisher*, which we have used to set up and edit each issue of *Village Voice*. Why not give it a try yourself? You will



find lots of help and information online and, if you'd like to download the editable version of my last issue, no. 95 from: goo.gl/yqtv11 to dabble with, I'd be very happy to talk you through it some time.

I'll be taking a break now from contributing, for the next issue or two. One hundred issues is no

mean achievement for the long list of founders, implementors and contributors spanning over 16 years. I am grateful to them all and would want to wish any who help to contribute to the continuity of this great magazine, equal fulfilment and success. *Contact: steve@davista.co.uk* □

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Dersingham Library News From Alison Thorne



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Bookstart Treasure Pack gifting

These packs are for children aged 3-4 who will be starting Reception in September. Dersingham will be hosting a gifting and family join-up session on Thursday 16th June from 3-6pm. There's no need to book, just come along!

Brave New Reads

Once again Dersingham Library (and for the first time Hunstanton Library!) is working with Writers' Centre Norwich to bring you 6 new and exciting reads this summer. Since the beginning of the year, library staff were involved in reading and voting on the final six titles and we're very pleased with the 2016 selections. We feel there's something for everyone. The titles are...

Spill Simmer Falter Wither by Sara Baume

A misfit man finds a misfit dog. Ray, aged fifty-seven, too old for starting over, too young for giving up, and One Eye, a vicious little bugger, smaller than expected, a good ratter. Both are accustomed to being alone, unloved, outcast - but they quickly find in each other a strange companionship of sorts. As spring turns to summer, their relationship grows and intensifies, until a savage act forces them to abandon the precarious life they'd established and take to the road.

Signs Preceding the End of the World by Yuri Herrera

Makina, a young woman who knows only too well how to survive in a violent, macho world. Leaving behind her life in Mexico to search for her brother, she is smuggled into the USA carrying a pair of secret messages one from her mother and one from the Mexican underworld.

The Last Pilot by Benjamin Johncock

1960s America and the space race is underway. Jim Harrison is a test pilot in the United States Air Force. He spends his days in a precarious dance with death above the clouds and his nights at Pancho's bar. After suffering the loss of a child, Jim seizes an opportunity to train as an astronaut, a job he throws himself into to the detriment of his marriage.

The Secret to Not Drowning by Colette Snowden

How did the girl who once dreamed of being a Charlie's Angel become such a cowed and submissive woman? Marion's life appears perfectly fine but she is controlled and bullied by her husband, her only respite a once a week trip to the local swimming pool. A chance meeting with

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Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit.

The Illusion of Separateness by Simon Van Booy

A haunting and luminous story of how one man's act of mercy on a World War II battlefield changes the lives of six strangers across time and place. From wartime Britain and Nazi-occupied France, to modern-day Los Angeles, the characters of this gripping novel - inspired by true events - include a child on the brink of starvation, a blind museum curator looking for love, a German infantryman, and a humble caretaker at a retirement home in Santa Monica.

There are many events where you can find out more about the reads throughout May, June and July, including a special evening for book clubs. Ask at the library for more details.

The Big Friendly Read

Once again the summer holidays are almost upon us and this year children's reading challenge has a Roald Dahl theme.

The read launches at Dersingham on Thursday 14th July from 3pm, and throughout August there will be a host of free special Dahl themed events to join in. Look out for the special flyers! □



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Dersingham Evening WI

by Maggie Guest



My sincere thanks to Christine who has been filling in for me while I was recuperating.

Having missed all the WI activity for nearly three months, I was delighted to feel well enough to join an outing

organised by Wendy to Tapping House. We hear so much about our local new Hospice, we donate money and support fund raising functions and there we were with a chance to actually have a guided tour of this well-known place. The visit was superb. Firstly we were given a talk on the current state of the building, the ambitions for the building, what happens now with day visitors and the massive cost of getting the living accommodation up and running sometime in the future. Incredible that all the money is raised by the local community with no central funding at all.



After the excellent talk we were ushered into the café where a cold buffet lunch was provided. That finished, we were split into two groups and taken on a guided tour by two office staff. They both made an excellent job of explaining everything that was already there and the hopes of what is to come over future years. The bedrooms are superb with floor to ceiling windows that look over fields. So peaceful. We left after tea and I for one felt 'Blown Away' by my visit.

Every year we have a Birthday Party and this year we strayed from the traditional party and put on a 'Fun Fair'. The committee organised eight games. Members all had ten buttons to pay for a 'go'. The games were, Roll for a Pig, Shove Ha'penny, Treasure Map, Sweets in a Jar, Name the Teddy, Skittles, Win a Goldfish and The Human Fruit Machine. The goldfish on display were ingeniously hung carrots in a goldfish bowl so no real goldfish were traumatised during the evening. The Human Fruit Machine consisted of a box with a handle to pull and three committee members getting a fruit from a bag. If the three fruit were the same the player got a prize.



The evening was very intense and busy as people queued for a 'go' on the stalls which were manned by the committee. In true 'Fairground Tradition', the food was Sausage and Onions in a roll. A very jolly evening and great to do something different.

It was a shame our birthday meeting clashed with South Wootton Evening WI's on the same evening. They had entertainment from the Westend Waiters to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Sandringham District and Group WI enjoyed cartoonist Mark Reynolds as their speaker at South Wootton Village Hall.

We danced and crafted in April and finished the month with a successful Coffee Morning at Diann's. □

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Dragonflies by Brian Anderson



Dragonflies have been dubbed "the fighter planes of the insect world". Anyone who's watched them manoeuvring and zipping around in the air will appreciate the appropriateness of this comment.

They certainly have a very successful body plan - it has remained little changed over 325 million years. The first dragonflies (called by some griffinflies) belonged to the order Protodonata and looked very similar to modern dragonflies, except they grew to have wingspans of over 750mm (about two and a half feet!). The size of these early insects remained a puzzle for many years as insect sizes are limited by the amount of oxygen that can diffuse through tiny pores (*spiracles*) in the exoskeleton and these dragonflies seemed too big to be real. The mystery was finally cracked by botanists who discovered that the atmospheric oxygen level in the Carboniferous period was about a third higher than today - a huge amount of carbon was locked up in undecayed wood. But there was still a mystery. Despite the oxygen level remaining high dragonfly sizes began to decrease between 145 and 66 million years ago. The answer seems to lie in the evolution of birds, for the big dragonflies had two big handicaps - being large they were obvious and also they had not evolved the ability to fold their wings back over the thorax and abdomen so concealment in thick vegetation was barely possible. Early birds would have had little difficulty in picking them off.



Fossil Dragonfly

Modern dragonflies (order Odonata) are split into two major groups. The "true" dragonflies (suborder Anisoptera) and damselflies (suborder Zygoptera). Damselflies *have* evolved the ability to fold their wings back over the body and are generally smaller and slendrer than dragonflies. There are over 6000 species globally but just 40 are recognised as having breeding populations in Great Britain and Ireland.

All dragonflies have the same steps in their life cycle:

The Egg (and Mating).



Dragonfly Mating

The egg is laid in or very close to water, usually in or on plant material, occasionally on mud. In some species, the egg hatches within a few weeks, in others it remains dormant until the following spring. Different species use different kinds of water body - rivers, streams, canals, ponds, lakes and/or bogs - some really aren't very choosy and will exploit a variety of habitats. The mating of dragonflies involves some quite astonishing contortions of the bodies - it is quite difficult for the inexperienced observer to distinguish which insect is which!

The Larva or Nymph.

When the larva (or nymph) hatches out it spends between a few months and a few years (depending on the species) in a purely aquatic environment. The nymph is a carnivore and hunts and devours anything small enough to be taken on - in the case of the larger species this can even include small fish. Some live in the bottom sediment and detect prey by water movement and vibration via hair-like structures. Others live in aquatic vegetation and hunt by sight. All damsel and dragonflies have a hinged lower jaw (*labium*) that flips out very fast to capture prey.

The Adult

Dragonflies, unlike most other insects, do not have a pupal stage. When the final stage nymphs are sufficiently developed they sit in shallow water for a few days, gradually adapting to breathing air through their spiracles rather than their gills. They then climb out of the water (a process

triggered by temperature or day length), usually onto fairly tall vegetation and the exoskeleton (or exuvia) of the nymph splits allowing the adult stage to emerge. When the adult is partially emerged there is a resting period for the legs to harden and then the dragonfly pulls the abdomen free. Body fluids are then used to pump-up the abdomen and expand the wings. After about an hour the wings have hardened sufficiently for the maiden flight. These newly emerged dragonflies are called teneral and are characterised by reflective wings, weak flight and rather pale indistinct body markings. It is at this stage that the adult is most vulnerable to airborne predators like the Hobby. When full strength is reached, the dragonfly will be off to hunt and breed. Like many other insects, dragonflies vibrate their wings to warm up for flight when the air is cool.

Some dragonflies are highly territorial - I have often watched pairs of Brown Hawkers fight over a patch of ground - not necessarily near water. They collide with such force that the loud click



Norfolk Hawker

can be heard some distance away. In this aerial combat, the flexibility of dragonfly flight is best seen - dragonflies can fly forwards, backwards, up and down and to left and right. This aerial manoeuvrability also makes them formidable predators. Twice in my life I have seen a dragonfly take a butterfly on the wing: both times it was a gruesome experience. The butterfly was seized on the wing and carried to a nearby tree. The wings were nipped off and fluttered to the ground like petals. The rest of the body was then consumed at leisure.

Besides their aerial prowess, the vision of dragonflies also makes them effective hunters. Their eyes, like those of most insects, are compound, comprising many facets which are integrated to form a single image. Dragonflies are unusual in that they have very good distance vision for movement - in some cases above 20 metres. Image formation is more limited and probably doesn't go beyond about 20 centimetres. But it's in colour vision that they really excel. Humans have three light-sensitive proteins called *opsins* in their eyes which allow the detection of the three primary colours red, yellow and blue. Dragonflies have anywhere between eleven and thirty opsins. This has a number of implications. First, dragonflies can see (like bees) into the ultraviolet which may allow the detection of trace chemicals left by prey species. Secondly, the division of the visible spectrum into more "primary" colours allows the dragonfly to circumvent the camouflage (or *crypsis*) of prey species. For example, an insect that has evolved a green colouration to be able to conceal itself amongst leaves will probably be visible to dragonflies as the green is not chlorophyll based. Dragonflies can also distinguish polarised light. There seems no obvious reason for this in hunting but would aid females in egg-laying as it enables sight into water without the distraction of reflection.

The body and wing colours of dragonflies are composed of both pigments and structural colours (the latter created by the selective refraction and interference from microscopic chitin scales. Most colours are on the body - few British dragonflies have wing colours. Unlike butterflies, even the structural colours take some time after emergence to develop fully. Presumably drying out creates the right geometric patterning of the scales.

Norfolk is quite well endowed with dragonfly species. About 24 fairly common and widespread species reside here. In addition, two species - the Beautiful Demoiselle and the Downy Emerald, which are fairly common in the south-western corner of Britain but not elsewhere have enclaves



Black Darter

in Norfolk. We also have a further four species which are very local, one of which (the Norfolk Hawker) is virtually confined to our county. Norfolk is, I think, the only county to be used as part of the name of a dragonfly - in fact it's two but sadly the Norfolk Damselfly became extinct in Britain in 1957. The Black Darter is a rather local species that is found in our parish - it's been recorded from at least one pond on Dersingham Bog. Norfolk also benefits from being on the coast so provides a landfall for vagrant species from the Continent, some of which seem to be establishing breeding populations (e.g. the Willow Emerald Damselfly).

So what of the future? Fifteen species are red-listed so are regarded as at least threatened. But as a group? Well, dragonflies have survived two of the Earth's great extinctions - the Permian-Triassic (250 million years ago) and the Cretaceous-Tertiary (65 million years ago). So I don't think the group as a whole will disappear that easily!

I am grateful to Janet Fraser for proof reading and peer-review. □

Dersingham Day Centre by Alice Worth

On March 30th we celebrated with our Easter Party. This year we broke with tradition and instead of having our special lunch at the Church Hall we boarded buses to take us to the United Services Club in Hunstanton. We certainly picked the right day to go there because the sun shone from early morning until late afternoon, making a lovely warm Spring Day. We had a first class lunch being able to choose from a menu of roast beef, roast chicken or scampi, followed by apple crumble or fresh fruit salad and ice cream.



After lunch we had our Easter Bonnet competition judged by a member of the United Services staff. It was not an easy task as there were some really original creations. This year Frank Shenton won first prize for the best decorated gentleman's hat and Jennie Hornieblow won the first prize for the lady's hat. I think this was the first time that a winning hat had been decorated with real flowers. Frank had sewn each one onto the hat together with chicks, tiny easter eggs and, on the very top, sat a gold coloured rabbit complete with collar and bell. After tea and coffee had been served it was time to head for home. Everyone agreed that it had been a lovely trip out. As members left they were given an Easter Egg to take home. The only thing missing from the day out was that Leigh Murfet, our regular

entertainer, was unable to join us. He is still recovering from serious surgery and we are all wishing him well and hoping he will be with us at our Christmas Party.

Please remember, if you know of anyone who might benefit from coming to the Day Centre on a Wednesday then do contact me, Alice Worth, on (01485) 544673

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Paddington and the 2nd Dersingham Brownies by Lynne Wheeler



The start of April saw the 2nd Dersingham Brownies and their leaders descend upon Swaffham for their Annual Brownie Pack Holiday of 3 nights and four days. This year the theme was Paddington Bear, with the leaders named after the story characters and the Brownie's sixes after other London Stations - King's Cross, Liverpool Street and Euston.

On Pack Holiday the girls enjoyed lots of different activities, crafts and games. On the first evening a particular highlight is the Pyjama Parade with prizes awarded for the Nicest Nightwear, Snuggliest Slippers, Cuddliest Toy and Prettiest Dressing Gown by a Guest Judge before Hot Chocolate and a story. We had a day out to Oxburgh Hall, where the girls dressed up in Tudor clothes, whilst finding out what a person's clothes told you about them. The girls explored the house, searching for Easter Bunnies as well as clambering into the Priest Hole. We enjoyed a Picnic lunch there before heading off to Downham Market swimming pool.



swimming pool.

On Sunday morning we went to Church, where they were holding a special family service for the Brownies and where we were joined by the Swaffham Brownies. On our final evening we toasted marshmallows before enjoying an indoor campfire.

While on Pack Holiday the Brownies earn many badges, and this year everyone gained their Road safety badge, so we had a visit from a Community support officer who showed the girls how to keep safe when out and about, had a road signs treasure hunt and designed outfits. The crafts they created in our Craft room meant they all gained their Craft badge (Painted a Paddington hat, wove bookmark, made a God's eye, shrink art, Wellington pencil pot) as well as either their Pack Holiday or Pack Holiday Advanced badges. Those on their first holiday also gained

their Cooks badge, whilst our two 10 year olds gained their Brownies Go For It before finishing Pack Holiday by jumping over the toadstool to Guides.

As well as all the crafts, games and outings the Brownies also help to keep the holiday home tidy, by making their bed, having Inspection, washing up and helping to get the meals ready. Pack holiday is an exciting Brownie activity allowing the girls to take part in activities over a longer period than a normal weekly meeting as well as trying new things and having new experiences. Everyone went home tired, but very happy and the plans are already forming for next years Holiday Adventure. □





Our Post Office Part 2

by Elizabeth Fiddick

January 1st 1900 was a special day since it was not just the beginning of a new year but also the beginning of a new century. The editor of the Sandringham Estate Magazine which covered the parishes of Sandringham, West Newton, Babingley, Appleton, Wolferton, Dersingham and Anmer wished all the readers a Happy New Century and hoped that it would be as prosperous to England's Empire as the one just gone. He then asked "Shall we

live to see the locomotive rusting on the scrap heap as many of us have seen the stage coach rusting in the wheelwright's yard? Will the day arrive that telegraph wires will disappear, the daily paper soon be a thing of the past and the penny post a matter of ancient History? Will it be possible before the century closes to journey to America in three days or circumnavigate the globe in twenty?" He went on to wonder if cannons would be invented to carry shells from Dover to Calais and if there would be eight European wars in the dawning century as there had been in the one gone by. He also questioned if the boundaries of the European Powers would be the same a hundred years hence as they were that day. It is chilling reading this today with our knowledge of the 20th century and I wonder how much of its history this editor came to know.

In Dersingham the previous century had ended with the sad news of the death of Enoch Beckett who served the village well in many capacities but especially as our Post Master. The Post Office had been established in the house in Middle Road, later to be known as Post Office Road, and as the new century dawned Enoch's daughter Alice Maud was the sub post mistress. Sadly in 1901 her mother Sarah died. So in just eight years Alice had lost both parents and her older sister Evaline. Evaline had married Robert Balding Junior and lived at Inmere House, Snettisham. She had died aged just 33 in 1893.



The postal business was now much more than just the collection and delivery of letters. The Post Office is described as a Money Order, Telegraph Office, Savings Bank and an Annuity and Insurance Office. The parcel post has been established and the mail cart delivers all the post here at 5.30 a.m. each morning. Mail could be collected by callers at 7a.m. and 10.15 p.m. and would be despatched at 10.15 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. There was now a Sunday delivery at 7a.m. and you could send letters out on Sundays at 6.20p.m. Wall boxes, which were cleared twice a day, had been set up by The Feathers and next to the station. There were still two carriers in the village, Thomas Rudd and George Mitchell who travelled to Lynn on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays returning the same day.

In 1908 in addition to all these services we read that the Post office is now a Telephone Call Office. By 1912 modern life has really arrived as we now have a telephonic Express Delivery office. Moreover some of the residents have their own telephones. Alfred William Maxey, grocer, assistant overseer, income tax collector and clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted on telephone number 3. John William Parker who ran the drapers, grocers, boot and shoe warehouse at the bottom of Sandringham Hill could be contacted on telephone number 4. You could ring George Riches, the builder on telephone number 5 and telegrams were to be sent to "Riches".

By 1916, just one hundred years ago, mail still arrives from London through Lynn by mail cart but Wall Boxes have now their own listings. In addition to the ones at the station there is now one

at Heath Road, another one in Station Road, and yet another at the School House.



Over the next few years more businesses have their own phone lines installed and gradually more private residents also are listed as having a telephone. Eventually new phenomena began to appear on our streets as technology progressed. The public phone box. It was in 1923 that the GPO held a competition to design a public telephone kiosk. The first design was chosen by 1926 but it was really several years before the design was perfected. One design was intended to be a 24 hour post office with a stamp machine and letter box attached to the back. It was nicknamed the vermilion giant and was not a success as only 50 were ever produced. Nevertheless it must have

been quite exciting for our village when the first public telephone kiosk was erected outside the Post Office. Just like today I expect the new technology was viewed with a degree of wariness by some in the village. Many areas considered the bright red colour of the kiosks something of an eyesore and they were allowed to paint them alternative colours. This was the case here and I have a photo of Post Office Road showing the telephone box painted a more acceptable white but as with all the others it was repainted later in the now more familiar red. Our first telephone exchange was eventually built at the start of Fern Hill and is still there today although now used for a different purpose.

So Alice Beckett watched over the post office as it developed throughout the twenties and thirties. By the early twenties of course post arrived by motor mail as the horse drawn coaches were indeed a thing of the distant past but the locomotive was thriving and more mail, parcels and newspapers were arriving by rail.

Dick Melton recalled in the last edition that two sisters took over the Post Office after Alice Maud. I have also found references to a Miss Garner as our Post Mistress and I have found her smiling at the camera in a group photo of the W.I. in 1944. She is also there in a photo of the canteen workers that did such useful work during the war years but both photos are too small to reproduce here. The sister may have been there also but under a married name. Miss Garner eventually retired to Fern Hill and Mr. & Mrs. Lee took over.



When I arrived in the village Frank and Enid Baker were in charge, the telephone box was still outside and the side extension was now where all the mail was sorted. The main Post Office had moved into what used to be part of the private house but it was still quite a small space in which to transact the growing amount of business conducted there.

It was May 1979 when John and Marion Lindsay with their three children Suzanne, Fraser, and Denise moved in and John took over from Frank Baker to become our village Post Master. He was to serve the village with a most friendly efficiency for the next 23 years. During his time the population of the village increased quickly and the decision was taken to extend the premises. In fact over time two extensions were eventually added to make the Post Office we know today. Fraser tells me in the early days it was his duty to clean out the telephone box and to collect the money but changes to the organisation of the Post Office and of course the new extensions meant

the removal of the telephone box. It was about 1966 that it was decided that the Post Office should be nationalised and split into two, the Post Office and British Telecom. British Telecom who were now the owners of the telephone box as opposed to the Post Office finally decided to remove the box rather than pay rent to keep it on Mr. Lindsay's land. This meant the second larger extension could be built. Another job Fraser had in the early days was the delivery of telegrams. As I use my palm size mobile phone I smile to remember making calls from the public boxes, feeding in your small change and pressing the A and B buttons to make the call. As a child I can remember pressing button A in empty phone boxes to see if the last caller had forgotten to do it to retrieve their money if their call was not connected. Was I alone in doing this?

It was in June 2002 that John Lindsay retired and Fraser took over as our Post Master. The sorting office was still in the small original post office but by 2004 it was quite inadequate and larger premises were made in the back garden to cope with the increased business. Later that same year the village woke to the sad news that John Lindsay had passed away. He had served the village from 1979 and presided over a huge increase in business and made substantial changes to the Office. He would be greatly missed by everyone but Fraser had proved a worthy successor. Sadly in 2007 Marian Lindsay passed away so Fraser and Maria continue to serve us alongside Fraser's sister Denise.

So we come to the present day and we wait to see what the final outcome will be for our village Post Office. Of course change is inevitable and as we use our mobile phones, iphones, ipads and talk to anyone, any where, instantly it is hard to remember the old dial phones and A and B buttons. We have become used to email instead of letters, Direct Debits, paperless bills and the speed of communication we take for granted these days. I, certainly, although a latecomer to all this technology, have contributed to the demise of the old system and the Post Office. Yet I cannot help but feel that for all the undoubted benefits of the new ways something important is being lost and we are all the poorer for it. □

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Village Voice Live

Tuesday 5th April 2015 – Peckover House

From a cursory glance through my National Trust Guide book, I must confess that, of our nearest National Trust Properties, Peckover House is the one I had not, to date, particularly considered visiting. Following this inspiring presentation by the property's General Manager Teresa Squires, I feel that this is an omission I must clearly set to rights. Some of us will remember Teresa's excellent talk that she gave a while back on Oxburgh Hall, another of the NT properties within her portfolio.

Peckover, sited on the North Brink of the River Nene in Wisbech, is described as an elegant Georgian town house and walled garden. Purchased by the famous Quaker banker and philanthropist Jonathan Peckover in 1790, it became known as Bank House during the family's long ownership up until 1943 when Alexandrina Peckover, the last descendent of Jonathan gave it to the National Trust who subsequently renamed it. Although much of its contents were auctioned off at the time, some items and simple Quaker furnishings have been reclaimed and reinstated by the Trust as well as others in keeping with the property and period including a chest of curios collected during the family's long incumbency. There are however still some of the more ornate Georgian architraves and features that pre-date the Quaker acquisition.

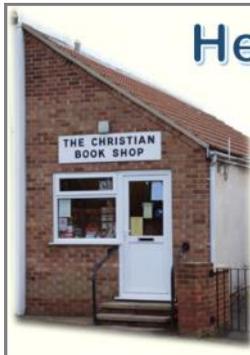
Teresa described the property's Tardis-like qualities, not only the inside of the building itself, but also of the extensive two acres of gardens that extend well back and behind several other adjacent properties, which she says are at their peak in late spring and early summer, about the time you will be reading this in fact. Perhaps see you there then! *Phoenix*



Tuesday May 3rd – The Dad's Army Museum

A good turnout sat to attention as the story of the Home Guard, Dads Army and the subsequent museum was rolled out. Rod and Alan gave the briefing illustrated with clips of film from the war years depicting Thetford at that time, extracts from the programme and stills of the museum and surroundings. Thetford was chosen as the base for all 80 episodes of the series as it was handy for the Stanford Training Area where a lot of the outdoor filming was done. As well as the museum, tours of the town are given showing places used for the filming by the volunteers who run the operation. Following the raffle and refreshments a lively question and answer session took place before the audience were dismissed.

Dumpling □



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Bog News from Tom Bolderstone

As I'm writing this article looking out of the window the sun is shining and the temperature is a balmy 16 degrees. As this article is going to be in the 100th issue I thought I'd try and get a reference to the number 100. It won't come as a surprise to many of you but my reference to the number 100 will be bird related.

Many of us who are birdwatchers or ornithologists tend to keep a record of the birds that we see. I'm certainly no stranger to this and have lists of birds for lots of different sites and nature reserves. I decided to look at my list for Dersingham Bog National Nature Reserve and see what the 100th species I had seen on the site might be (if at all!). The lucky bird that is the feature of this article is..... The Lesser Redpoll! The Lesser Redpoll is part of the finch family and is one of the smaller, sleeker finches that we get in Britain. In terms of its size relative to other birds it's very similar to the Coal Tit. They have a white streaked breast with a brown back and the key identification feature is a red patch on the top of the head, almost like that seen on a woodpecker.

They tend to breed in woodlands and in particular woods with Alder and Birch trees. They are mainly resident in this country but are not generally seen in the Midlands area. Although they breed in the areas around Dersingham Bog the best time to see these birds is the winter as they tend to flock together. They are much easier to see when the leaves are off the trees. Many of the winter flocks can be quite large and create quite a lot of noise when they are feeding in the trees. Numbers can vary depending on the winter weather but I have seen flocks of up to 150 on the reserve before. There are other species of Redpoll which are much rarer and can sometimes be seen in with the flock of Lesser Redpoll, these include the Mealy (Common) and the Arctic Redpoll. The Mealy Redpoll although common in name is not common in nature and is less numerous than the lesser redpoll. The Arctic Redpoll is even rarer and is a great find for any birdwatcher watching a Redpoll flock. It is worth watching for Redpoll on the reserve in the winter and the sight of a large flock can be a very special experience.



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Most of the breeding migrants have arrived back on the site and at the time of writing we are still waiting to hear the first Nightjar. Woodlarks are currently nesting and we have record numbers of Stonechat nesting with twelve pairs on the reserve. This is an increase from five years ago of ten pairs. This is a critical time for many of our ground nesting birds as they are beginning to rear their first broods. They can get disturbed by people going off the paths or dogs off leads and this can then cause them to abandon their nests. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times to minimise the disturbance during this critical time.

By the time this article is published we should be into the full force of warm weather. This is a great opportunity to come and explore the site and soon there will be dragonflies and butterflies to see as the temperatures begin to rise. Keep an eye out for the Black Darter dragonfly one of the Bog's specialist dragonfly species. As ever if any of you are out on site and have any questions please come and have a chat.

Tom Bolderstone, Reserve Warden –

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Rotary Matters Rosedale House



In the photo is (Back: Teresa Ovenden, Adrian Evans & Brian Devlin. Front: Katie Mathunjwa & Janet North)

On the morning of 9th March we presented an iPad to staff at Rosedale House, Kings Lynn. Katie said 'For a lot of young people a move to a new home can be quite scary. The iPad will enable us to make



short films of what life at Rosedale is like adults and other young people introducing themselves, activities and mealtimes going on. This can help to break down some of the scary barriers.'

Awareness Meeting

In the evening we held an Awareness Meeting at the Golden Lion Hunstanton. This was regarded as a great success and feedback from the event was very positive. There were close to 40 attending, with an even split of Rotarians and non-Rotarians. As 100% of our fundraising is done locally and 80% of our donations made

locally we feel it is important from both these aspects that the community understands what we do. We need local people to support our fundraising events and also be aware of how we can help with monetary donations or non-monetary services.

WN Deaf Association – Amanda Kenny

The following week we invited Amanda Kenny from the West Norfolk Deaf Association to our weekly Fellowship meeting. Amanda provided an insight into the problems experienced for those who have hearing loss and who would benefit from a hearing aid. There are many people with hearing aids who leave the aid in the cupboard as they are either not discreet enough to save embarrassment or not correctly set to the wearer's personal needs to maximise their effectiveness. Amanda and the WNDA can help in both these areas with different designs and help with settings to resolve these problems. Aids supplied and supported on the NHS (who will update your hearing aid every four years) compare very favourably with private suppliers.

Amanda demonstrated a loop system which in this case worked for those members with a hearing aid fitted with a telecoil, which is a fairly common feature in modern hearing aids. Many public places such as Hotels, Cinemas, Banks etc. that you may visit now have 'loop systems' where, with just a slight adjustment on your aid, it can wirelessly connect you to the person using the transmitter. The system was used at the meeting to show just how effective and clear it was compared to normal amplifying speakers.

Amanda explained how background noise in public environments made hearing through an aid more difficult, but the problem reduced in rooms with carpets and curtains that help absorb background noise. It was also highlighted how helpful it was for a hard of hearing person to be able to lip read what a person is saying and the speaker should face the listener and also avoid hiding their mouth with objects or their hands.

Remember, you are not alone with your hearing loss; there are 10 million people with this loss. Age related hearing loss can start at 50, though more commonly around 70 years of age.

If you need help, contact Amanda in King's Lynn, telephone number 01553 773399.

Hunstanton & District Foodbank

Our club was pleased to get the opportunity to help the Hunstanton & District Foodbank fund the development of their new initiative to extend their services. Currently the foodbank provides food

parcels for local people in need but it was recognised that a more permanent solution was sometimes required in the form of specialised advice and guidance. Therefore, support services are being developed including a telephone support line which will make accessible advice on things such as debt management and ways to reduce ongoing living costs. A telephone support line is to be set up to facilitate this. Additionally, a weatherproof 'A' board will be purchased to be set up outside of the foodbank when open to make it easier to find.

Potpourri of Poetry

At the time of writing, plans for our Poetry Evening on 27th April are moving ahead quickly. This event is held in St. Edmunds Church Hall, Hunstanton and is one of the Club's most popular with club members; although all members of the community are welcome to come along and enjoy. The evening is relaxed with many coming to read their favourite poems and others just to listen. The



food is prepared in the kitchen attached to the hall and the variety of sweets on offer is cooked by members of Rotary or Inner Wheel. The evening is organised by our International Committee members with proceeds from the evening going to Polio Plus, a cause taken up by Rotarians worldwide many years ago to totally eradicate polio. This is now very close to becoming a reality and in the last few years Rotary has been joined by Bill Gates (Microsoft) who donates £2 for every £1 raised by Rotarians. You can visit our website for more details (<http://www.hunstanton-rotary.org.uk/>)

Clean for the Queen Litter Pick

Picture above shows: Lyn & Brian Devlin with Sue Shaw.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 5th & 6th of March Rotarians and partners braved the cold weather and rain to clean the Hunstanton beaches to support the Clean for the Queen campaign. The above picture shows those brave men and women, except for Richard Shaw who was taking the picture. We are pleased to report they all returned safely before the incoming tide claimed them.

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016. When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country? □

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One Hundred Paces North

By Carrie Carey

My curiosity has been aroused. I work on Titchwell nature reserve, but can I discover nature within one hundred paces of my office? From my window, I have a view of the wildlife garden that was planted by a handful of RSPB volunteers a little over fifteen months ago. Has it established itself as a wildlife habitat, does wildlife even know it's there? Time to leave the comfort of my chair and investigate.

Nearest to my window is a compost heap, composed of last year's reed bed harvest and now writhing with invertebrates of all shapes and sizes. It's doing its job by slowly decomposing, returning much needed nutrients to the ground. The once willowy reeds would have been home to bearded tits, reed warblers and bitterns and now provide the perfect habitat for millipedes, beetles and earthworms; a rich food supply for visiting hedgehogs. Wild forget-me-nots have seeded on the edges of the compost heap framing it perfectly. Vivid clusters of tiny sky blue flowers which will soon attract pollinating small flies and hymenopterans. Apparently, their flowers are edible but at the moment I'm not tempted.

When the warden coppiced some of the willow trees on the reserve, one of the volunteers saw an opportunity to create a living structure in the wildlife garden. Willows have high levels of hormones that promote rooting success, will survive in poor quality soil and are very adaptable to changing water conditions. Once planted, they will survive for years; best of all, they don't take long to produce foliage and they act as a great natural screen, perfect for visiting newts, frogs and toads. Not quite a fence or a hedge, I believe it is called a 'fedge' but I'm sure the wildlife won't mind.

Other tree prunings have been used to create a 'dead hedge'. Cut branches and stems have been woven through vertical stakes, the cavities filled with dead leaves, smaller twigs and other vegetation. The wood and leaves rot down throughout the year and are easily topped up with Autumnal offerings. This has proved a very popular hideaway for small mammals and roosting birds and when I walk past it now, I can see at least one cheeky robin darting in and out of cover looking for juicy grubs.

Should I become exhausted making my hundred pace trek, I can sit for a while on one of the benches overlooking the bird feeders. The view extends beyond the trees and across Thornham Marsh where the landscape and sky converge. If I am lucky, I might catch a glimpse of a barn owl sweeping low over hawthorn and bramble hedgerows looking for a last meal before retiring. Other raptors such as marsh harriers are seen soaring and gliding at a greater height and during breeding season the aerial displays are more prominent and definitely worth leaving my desk for. Luckily, the raptors are all too far away to bother the birds on the feeders and at this time of year bramblings, chaffinches, long tailed tits and the occasional woodpecker are frequent visitors. Supplies of peanuts, sunflower hearts and nyjer seeds are soon depleted but this never seems to deter the colourful pheasants who lurk under the canopy of nearby alder and birch trees.

In the far corner of the garden the pond is home to a diversity of wildlife. Having been still over winter, it is now teeming with life; water boatmen, pond skaters and whirligigs are whizzing and dancing on the surface and soon the yellow flag iris will raise her head and crown the pond with colour. By late May, we expect to see tiny toadlets making their way from the water to the surrounding garden where they will sunbathe periodically between the purple bugle and white campions.

It's amazing how close nature really is and given the right conditions, wildlife will survive and thrive on our doorsteps. I'm sure if I put my mind to it, I could discover one hundred species of fauna and flora within my one hundred paces and probably more once the butterflies, dragonflies and bees start to arrive.

I'm off to buy a notebook! □





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Wednesday 27th:

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Athletics: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 28th:

Volleyball 10am - 12pm
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Nerf Wars 10am - 12pm
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Week 2

Monday 1st:

Cricket 10am - 12pm
Athletics 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Tuesday 2nd:

Futsal (football) 10am - 12pm
Racquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Squash) 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Wednesday 3rd:

Quiz and game morning (sport related) 10am - 12pm
Athletics (Olympic Games afternoon) 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 4th:

Volleyball 10am - 12pm
Dance (need to speak to my dance coach but pencil this in 12:30pm – 2:30pm)

Friday 5th:

Nerf Wars 10am - 12pm
Dodgeball 12:30pm – 2:30pm □



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St Nicholas Church News by Pauline Martin



April has been a very busy month in our Church, we had a wonderful Service of Welcome to our new Rector Mark Capron on the 11th, the Church was full with around 300 people, including 2 coaches from Mark's previous Parishes. The Institution was conducted by the Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, Bishop of Lynn.

Then on the 1st May we said our sad farewell to our Curate the Reverend Julie Boyd who is moving on to St Faith's at Gaywood as Team Rector.

Below right is a picture of Julie with husband Matthew and Churchwarden Thomas Wheeler presenting our good wishes with flowers, a Book of Prayer and cheque from the congregation. □



Ringstead Open Gardens Sunday 3rd July 2016 11am - 5pm

The picturesque village of Ringstead celebrates its **39th** annual open garden event on **Sunday 3rd July** between **11am** and **5pm**. The Gardens will be open to the public from **11am**. Lunches (**£9 per adult**) will be served at **The Old Rectory** between **12 - 2pm** (to book please telephone Sara on **07786 316610**), and Teas will be available at Westgate House from 11am - 5pm, along with craft stalls, cake stall, tombola and raffle. The very popular plant stall will be held in the beautiful garden of Apple Tree Cottage, which is a delight in itself.



The Seven Sacraments will be the theme of the Flower Display in St Andrews Church from **10am - 5pm** on Sunday 3rd to Monday 4th July. At **4.30pm** Lord Melchett will lead what has proved to be a popular and enjoyable guided tour around Courtyard Farm and Ringstead Common. Dogs on leads are welcome.

A regular event on Ringstead Garden Sunday is the Ringstead Artists Exhibition (Saturday 2nd and **Sunday 3rd July, 10am - 5pm**). Rich in creative talent the village is home to a number of artists whose artistic temperament and subject matter are as broad and diverse as the gardens themselves. The seven artists exhibiting this year range in styles from abstraction to realism and work in all kinds of media including watercolour, acrylic, oils, photography and digital imaging.

Free minibus transport round the village is available, if required on the Sunday. **£3** admits to all locations, and proceeds go to St Andrews Church.

For further information please ring Sara on **01485 525437** □



Dersingham Village Screen

Dersingham Village Screen aims to provide villagers with an opportunity to enjoy the company of fellow filmgoers in a friendly social environment. Refreshments are available. Proceeds from the sale of tickets go toward the proposed new Village Centre. Anyone wishing to help with these film nights, whether it be collecting, setting up or returning the equipment, or indeed training as a projectionist, should contact Vanessa Blythe on 01485 541450.

27th May - SPECTRE starring Daniel Craig as James Bond and Monica Bellucci as Lucia Sciarra.

A cryptic message from the past sends James Bond on a rogue mission to Mexico City and eventually Rome, where he meets Lucia Sciarra, the beautiful and forbidden widow of an infamous criminal. Bond infiltrates a secret meeting and uncovers the existence of the sinister organisation known as SPECTRE. As Bond ventures towards the heart of SPECTRE, he learns of a chilling connection between himself and the enemy he seeks, played by Christoph Waltz.

24th June - A ROYAL NIGHT OUT starring Sarah Gadon, Bel Powley, Emily Watson
On May 8th 1945, everything changed. The Allies won the war, and VE Day (Victory in Europe) was celebrated in the streets of London. Behind the palace walls, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret can only watch while the people of the city enjoy their victory. After some serious persuasion, their parents - the King and Queen - let them out to join the public for the night, but only under close supervision. It's not long before the plan goes awry, and an evening of excitement follows.

Tom Morris, Dersingham Village Cinema Projectionist □

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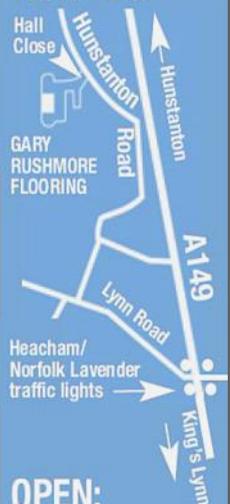
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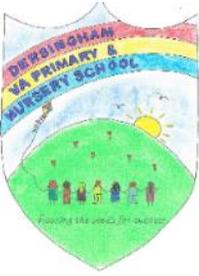
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Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School by Sue Picton

The children have returned after the Easter Break invigorated and ready to participate in new topics and fun activities.

The children at the Early Years site have had an amazing time learning about the different ways we can keep our bodies healthy. A huge thank you to Sainsburys and Tescos who donated a wide range of exotic fruits for the children to sample.



Donna Secker, a dental health nurse, visited to show the children how to care for their teeth. The children had the opportunity to practise their football skills with Gary English, try out yoga with Rex Pacheco and try a range of multi skill sports with Trevor Daniels. Even the babies joined in with a music and movement session led by Hartbeeps!

We have also been working hard in our sensory garden. Students from the Citizenship Service Award chose to support our efforts in revamping the area. The students raised funds for the resources needed, repainted the raised beds, tidied the garden and built a new larger chicken coop for our three feathered friends despite the cold and rain. As a bonus they even painted the children's toilets! A huge thank you to staff and students who supported the project.

The Year 1 children were shocked to discover that a beanstalk had grown in their classroom over the Easter holidays. After reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, they received a letter from Jack telling them that the giant had climbed down the beanstalk; into storyland. The children have been busy creating wanted posters, including excellent descriptions of the awesome giant. Later in the term, the children are hoping to spend lots of time in the enchanted forest, talking to a variety of fairy tale characters, in their quest to find the giant.



Year 2 have been enjoying their castle topic, travelling back in time in their history Tardis and exploring the world looking at castles in different countries. They received a visit from Sir Arthur with a challenge to find him an alternative material for his suit of armour. The children enjoyed being scientists for the afternoon. The highlight of the topic was visiting Norwich Castle museum, where they explored the Keep and participated in a drama and writing workshop.

When the Year 3 children returned to school they were greeted by some real cavemen. They were shown how people lived in the stone age, including making fires and cooking food. The children had a great time!

The Year 3/4 children finished off their Mexico topic by watching the Book of Life film and enjoyed making Mayan masks while watching the animation! The children have now moved across the world from Mexico back to Britain, where they have begun the new term by finding out about and comparing the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age...they had great fun kicking off the topic with an outdoor role-play, developing new settlements in tribes a few thousand years ago. They chose where to settle alongside the 'river', decided what resources were needed and even began attacking and trading with each other. Luckily, only one murder took place, but the whole class was raring to develop their new tribes! The children have now moved forward to the end of the Iron Age, to find out what impact the Romans



had on the Celt tribes when invasion took place...

Year 4 will be joining their friends in Year 3/4, travelling back in time, investigating how archaeologists find out about the past as well as undertaking practical activities such as cave painting and field-walking. They will look at mapping archaeological evidence, and how to classify and describe archaeological sites and finds. They will study Boudicca's revolt from both sides, through the eyes of Celtic warriors and Roman soldiers, as well as looking at the different lives of Roman leaders, citizens and slaves.

Year Five are busy working on an enterprise programme, 'Make £5 Grow.' The children are getting real experience of starting a small business, providing a context for literacy and numeracy, whilst also developing their teamwork and problem solving skills. Their aim is to set up a 'Farmers Market' running at Dersingham Church Hall from 10am -2pm on the 24th May to sell the range of produce and crafts that the children produce.

Year 6 and Year 2 are busy getting ready for their SATs during May. The children have been working extremely hard and we wish them the best of luck!

The school had an amazing morning celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. ITV News filmed classes making cards, enjoying cream teas and creating gardens. The children behaved impeccably and the staff were incredibly proud of their interviewing skills. The ITV crew commented on the lively displays and were full of praise for the school. Catch up on footage from reporter Natalie Gray at

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/story/2016-04-20/the-queens-birthday-in-the-anglia-region/>

There have been numerous sporting events since Christmas including a Quicksticks tournament at Lynnsport, where two teams took part in some hard fought games. Our netballers qualified for the SSP finals and did the school proud, having to work extra hard with fewer players in their team. Our Year 3/4 boys came home with gold medals from the local football derby as did our Year 2 Tri-Golf team, they now go forward to the next round of the Sainsbury School Games. KS2 put out two teams in the local Tri-Golf competition, where they were only a whisker away from qualifying. Congratulations to William, Max, Nathan and Thomas for competing in the adapted Sports Day at Lynnsport, where they were among hundreds of young competitors showing off their sporting skills.

With the Rio Olympics fast approaching, I am sure there will be many more sporting achievements to write about in the next issue! □



Norton Hill Light Railway 2016

The steam railway at Norton Hill in Snettisham is open again this year for 3 weekends through the summer. These weekends are wonderful family days out – the little carriages are pulled by steam engines running through woods, over a viaduct and under a tunnel. As well as the train rides there are many other attractions and refreshments. All proceeds go to local charities.

The dates for your diaries are: **July 30th/31st**, **August 13th/14th** and **August 27th/28th**.

Time **1pm to 5pm.**

The location is Hall Farm in Snettisham.



Experiences Whilst Doing National Service

by John Lambert

On the way home on the troopship three of us were discussing what to do when we got back to Blighty. We agreed to go cycling in France but when it came to getting out of our country again we were in for a shock.

It turned out that if you are still in the forces, you have to go to the War Office for a special passport or else you could be arrested as a spy. You have to go to the War Office in person with a photo of yourself in uniform. We were there for hours!

The cycling holiday didn't get any better either as it never stopped raining. Our plan was to cycle to Paris but in the 1950s every village you cycled through was all cobblestones and they shook our bicycles to bits. We never made it to Paris. I think the contrast of weather between Egypt and France was too great so after about three days we decided enough was enough so we turned round to cycle back to Le Touquet.

We were all starving so we bought one cheese sandwich each, they were one pound, two shillings each, you could buy the same sandwiches in England for two shillings!

It was still raining so we put that holiday down to experience. We hopped back across the channel in a small "Silver City" airways plane, the runway and landing area was a grass field and when we touched down it was all deep mud so the little plane slid to a standstill sideways. We could tell we were back in Blighty!

On our way back to Le Touquet we stayed bed and breakfast in a town. We thought we would treat ourselves so we went to a cinema. We were lucky because the film was made in England with English actors so no need for subtitles, then when the "Pathe News" came on we found ourselves in the news with the "Empire Ken" docking at Southampton.

Another night we got bed and breakfast at a farm and at this farm they had an enclosed courtyard. The farmer got us all working preparing the evening meal, one of us peeled the potatoes etc and the farmer's wife and daughters did something as well. They put bottles of wine on the table, they drink it like water over there.

The other thing that happened on our way back to Le Touquet Airport, while we were still way out in the countryside, we came across a hitchhiker and when he heard us coming he turned round to face us. Both he and I said simultaneously "what are you doing here?". The only reason we both said that was he was my officer that I was Batman to! Amen □



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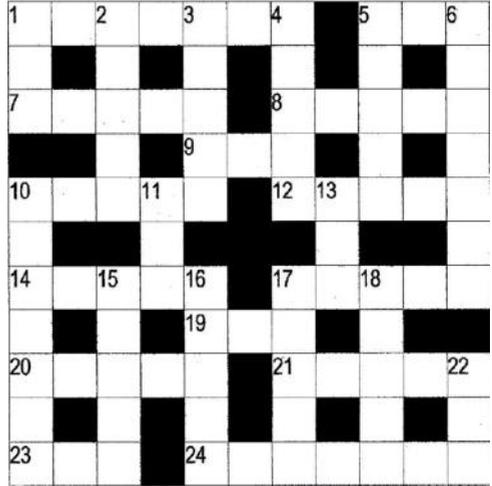
Crossword 2 by Barry Beales

Across

1. Not a town 5. Remnants of a fire
 7. BBC talent show "The _____"
 8. Come after red and amber 9. Maiden name
 10. Disease of rye 12. This turns both ways
 14. Worshipped images 17. Totted up
 19. Upper limb 20. Inlay 21. Military headgear
 23. Tennis or fishing 24. God's country!!

Down

1. Short name for a girl 2. Fibbing
 3. This rep could be a man 4. Keen 5. Skilful
 6. 10x10 10. Publication
 11. Nocturnal bird of prey 13. Not even
 15. Commencement 16. Glossy fabric
 17. Yellowish brown 18. Modern dance style
 22. Tibetan ox



Word Wall 15 by Philip Neal Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words:

LEVANTER	UP	KHAMSIN	SIROCCO
BAG	CROQUET	CUP	QUOITS
TREASURE HUNT	GOLF	CHINOOK	CADDY
HOUSE	POLO	TROLLEY	MISTRAL

Sudoku No 48						
				3	1	5
9		6				
			5	4	8	
3	7		8		4	
		7			8	
	2	3			9	
7	5	9		1		
			6		2	7
8	6					9

Word Ladder

Fill in the blanks in between the top and bottom words on the ladder with valid four-letter words that have just one letter changed from the word above. □

HOME	TOOL
MADE	SHED



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The reconfiguring and refurbishment of the parish church in Hunstanton is now complete and looking beautiful. There is now a new meeting room, a fully fitted kitchen and toilets within the church. The new meeting room has been named the Garnett room after Fr Ernest Garnett, who was the first Priest of the Hunstanton Parish. Bishop Alan Hopes visited on 9th May to officially bless the new look church. Our Diocesan Lenten offerings this year went to 'Aid to the Church in Need' and 'The Society of St Vincent de Paul'.

We have a Feast day Mass and lunch on 27th June at Hunstanton and the very popular Strawberry Fair at Dersingham on 2nd July. This is always a well attended and enjoyable occasion with delicious strawberries, scones and refreshments, as well as a raffle, tombola, cake stall, bric-a-brac etc. The fun starts at midday, so why not come along. Foodbank supplies are still required, items can be left in the porches of both churches. Please ensure that all items are well in date. Thank you for your continued support of the scheme. There is a Fair Trade Stall at St Cecilia's after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. For more information contact Caroline Brooks on 01553 673069.

All social events will be well publicised on the website and in the weekly bulletins. Everyone, whether Catholic or not, is welcome to all of our services and social occasions. We have refreshments after the 11am Mass every Sunday and after 10.15am Mass every Wednesday. There are also refreshments after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the month at Dersingham. Please come along, you will be most welcome.

Our daily Masses will be 10am in the parish church at Hunstanton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday mass is usually at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton. The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675

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Train your dog to go to the toilet in their own garden

by Dersy Dog Owner

Toilet training your dog is quite a simple process, as long as you take the time and trouble to get into a good routine. Initially, you will have to build your routine around your dog's needs and these are reliably predictable when they are young. Puppies need to urinate immediately after waking up, so you need to be there to take your dog straight into the garden without any delay. Eating its meal stimulates its digestive system and puppies normally urinate within fifteen minutes of eating and defecate within half an hour of eating (although this might vary slightly with each individual).

Puppies have very poor bladder control and need to urinate at least every hour or two. They can urinate spontaneously when they get excited so take your dog out frequently if it has been active, playing or exploring. You may find it useful to keep a record of when your dog eats, sleeps, urinates and defecates. A simple diary list will do. Repeat cue words like 'wee wees' and 'poo poos' or 'be busy' and 'be clean' while the dog is actually urinating or defecating. Use different words for each action so that you will be able to prompt the dog later on. Always go with your dog into the garden so you are there to reward and attach the cue words to the successful actions and, yes, you can teach older dogs new tricks.

Fortunately, dogs are creatures of habit so, as long as you introduce the garden to your dog as its toilet area, you will be able to avoid their need to mess up our streets and green areas. Walking your dogs should be for exercise and stimulation only, not to allow them to go to toilet. We train our dogs not to mess in the house so why is it thought that defecating where people walk is OK? Accidents do happen but then pick up and dispose poo in the many dog bins situated around Dersingham. □

The Daily Doings of Mrs Dolittle (a.k.a. Valerie Anckorn)



Do you dream? Apparently we all dream, and if we didn't, we would go do-
lally, as it is nature's way for the sub-conscious to filter through all the
events of the day either into the archives for storage or into the conscious mind
as part of what is deemed necessary for our day to day 'survival.'

Some people remember their dreams and others don't. I seem to dream all
the time, and remember most of them – the very vivid ones turn out to be
precognitive – but that is another story. Remote man, on the other hand, never recalls dreams and
swears he never has them. However, he had his first 'recalled' dream recently that made me
laugh, and will probably make you chuckle too.

He told me that he had returned home from work and couldn't find me anywhere in the house or
garden, despite my car still being on the driveway. There was no sign of the dog, either. So he
began to search and eventually found the cur wandering in the road. Pleased to see his dad, the
dog led him along the road towards the woods, until eventually, I could be seen with about eight
other local ladies, all dressed in combat outfits, the net on the hats over the face and all sneaking
through the undergrowth on tummies, like soldiers, propelled along by our elbows. I had a
camera in my hands, and apparently we were all stalking Kate and the royal toddlers, trying to get
a scoop for The Village Voice! Well, sorry to disappoint, there is no photo to accompany this
piece, as this was all himself's dream.

We do know, however, that The Duchess of Cambridge does take her children out and about
locally, which is lovely, and I am sure that we are all glad that she has some normality in this
beautiful neck of the woods that is ours. Some young friends of mine met up with her at a local
place (I'm not saying, as the less people know the better) and she asked them to what other toddler
-orientated places she could take George. As soon as people turned up, she skedaddled and made
her way homewards. It has to be quite a lonely life, doesn't it, and I get really fed up with people
who have a go at the Royal Family. Yes, they have privileges that we can only dream of – but
little privacy and a constant round of duties. How our lovely Queen has managed all these years I
just don't know. I often think of her when I am moaning on about my hips and knees, and being
tired and so on, and yet on and on she goes, with her beautiful smile, without fail. God Bless her, I
say.

The news is constant that our beautiful planet and its inhabitants are being blown up by fanatics
and it does make me wonder how people can be so influenced by others that they strap explosive
devices onto themselves, blowing their own body up as well as many others, creating carnage and
fear into so many people.

I recall during the '60s when my husband and I used to linger along the Bayswater Road in
London. My ex is an artist, and we joined other artists by hanging our paintings on the railings
along the pavement, where rich tourists (and they *were* rich in those days) would stop, look and
purchase. One day a peaceful 'demonstration' was marching down the road, 'eastern orientated'.
As they approached our pitch, a man in the front of the procession began to beat a tattoo on a brief
case he was carrying, chanting who-knows-what in his language. The atmosphere changed in the
twinkling of an eye and hatred immediately reigned. Those peaceful demonstrators were ready to
kill in moments, just on the 'charisma' of that one man, and I actually felt such waves of tangible
hatred that I grabbed my children and ran to the relative safety of our van.

Does this kind of reaction mean that we are really all pack animals, ready to kill at the bark of
our leader? It's happened all down the ages, hasn't it – i.e. when the local healer women, who had
taken the trouble to learn the healing properties of herbs to help their neighbours, were taken into
custody by the witch-finder general. All the people they had helped would join the baying crowds
to watch the women either ducked in the village pond (if they drowned they were innocent and if
they survived, they were guilty) or burnt or hung in the market square. They all joined together in

their hatred of her, throwing old eggs and tomatoes, stones and the contents of chamber pots...all at the say-so of just one man, even though they had liked the woman previously.

I'm writing this at the end of March and I have been wandering around my garden seeing with horror all that I have to do to get it in shape for the Open Gardens. I'm not going to worry about it, because I can only do what I can do, and I think my garden looks lovely whether it has as many weeds as flowers. I think on it as nature and its bounty, and am aware of all the little birds, mice and insects who rely on my garden for sustenance. I am aware that many 'neat' people will probably be horrified by my lack of order – but then, I reason, they will depart thinking how much tidier their garden is than mine, so they leave happy. Those who love my garden, come what may, also leave happy – so it's a win-win situation. I have so many plans for my patch – however lovely it is, it can always be made more beautiful – but alas, my low energy and fatness makes any work I do more 'sitting down' than 'doing.' Never mind, I stick to my motto 'at least she tries', sit down on a garden seat and quietly watch the birds. At least I will be able to hear them better by next week. Yup, I pick up new hearing aids. It's the slippery slope from now on...

Rant of the month: **Packaged household stuff that you can't access.** Child proof packaging, in other words. I think it has been proven that if children want to 'get into' something they will. However, the elderly cannot. I'm not even yet into my serious dotage, but I can no longer undo bleach bottles, polythene packs and so on. I swear, I scream, the parrots looks interested and later repeat, and then sometimes I throw the unopenable object against the wall. I have lost the strength of youth, as I know many others have in their senior years, and it is nigh impossible to get things open or undone.



When I was a child (yes, I know, I know – during the war and all that) our parents told us not to touch dangerous stuff, and gave us the reason why, so therefore we left them alone. We were also allowed to find out things by our own mistakes, which made us more aware and we learnt as we grew until we became responsible adults.

What is wrong with putting bleach and other dangerous stuff on high shelves out of the reach of very small children who can't yet reason? It seems the sensible approach to me, but of course, in these litigious days the producers of goods have to guard their backs, or be sued. It's all madness in my view, but the fact remains I still can't open tops, boxes, packages – in fact, it's more dangerous for me now, as I have to attack them with large knives or crowbars which actually *could* do me damage. How on earth do really fragile oldies cope?

I mentioned earlier I have precognitive dreams. Here is one. In the seventies, I won a competition to do a modelling stint for SHE magazine. It was a very exciting day, and the theme was Secret Agents and Spies. The location was down by the Thames in London, and we did very secret agent things for the camera. I totally enjoyed myself, and couldn't wait to see myself in the magazine.

Then, I had a dream in which I bought my copy of SHE and excitedly thumbed through it to find the pages containing ME. But in my dream all was dark and black and I couldn't see myself at all. I was very upset.

In reality. When I did receive my copy of SHE, I thumbed through the pages with excitement to find that the photographer had used so much shadow that I could barely be seen. I could have been anyone lurking in the shadows. I was very upset, proving that future events can be seen in dreams, as we learnt in school, that they did in Biblical times.

In the photo, behind the proper model, you can see in the background my trench-coated arm wrapped around the 'Russian,' whose attention I was supposed to be diverting. The rest of my body seems to have disappeared, but I can assure you I really was in the coat at the time. □

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Crossword

Across 1.VILLAGE 5.ASH 7.VOICE 8.GREEN 9.NEE 10.ERGOT 12.ROTOR 14.IDOLS 17.ADDED
19.ARM 20.INSET 21.BUSBY 23.NET 24.NORFOLK

Down 1.VIV 2.LYING 3.AGENT 4.EAGER 5.ADEPT 6.HUNDRED 10.EDITION
11.OWL 13.ODD 15.ONSET 16.SATIN 17.AMBER 18.DISCO 22.YAK

Word Wall

Winds: CHINOOK (USA), KHAMSIN (Egypt), LEVANTER (Mediterranean), MISTRAL (S.France)

VV Vehicles: UP, GOLF, SIROCCO, CADDY

Tea: BAG, CUP, HOUSE, TROLLEY

Outdoor Games: CROQUET, QUOITS, TREASURE HUNT, POLO

Sudoku No 48 solution

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



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Lifeboat

LUCY LAVERS

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from Rescue Wooden Boats, Stiffkey

St Nicholas Church Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham.
7.30 pm Admission £3.00 including refreshments & raffle

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday July 5th

*The birds of
New Zealand
including the
sub-Antarctic
islands*



with Jim Scott,
Site Manager
for NW Norfolk
RSPB reserves

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