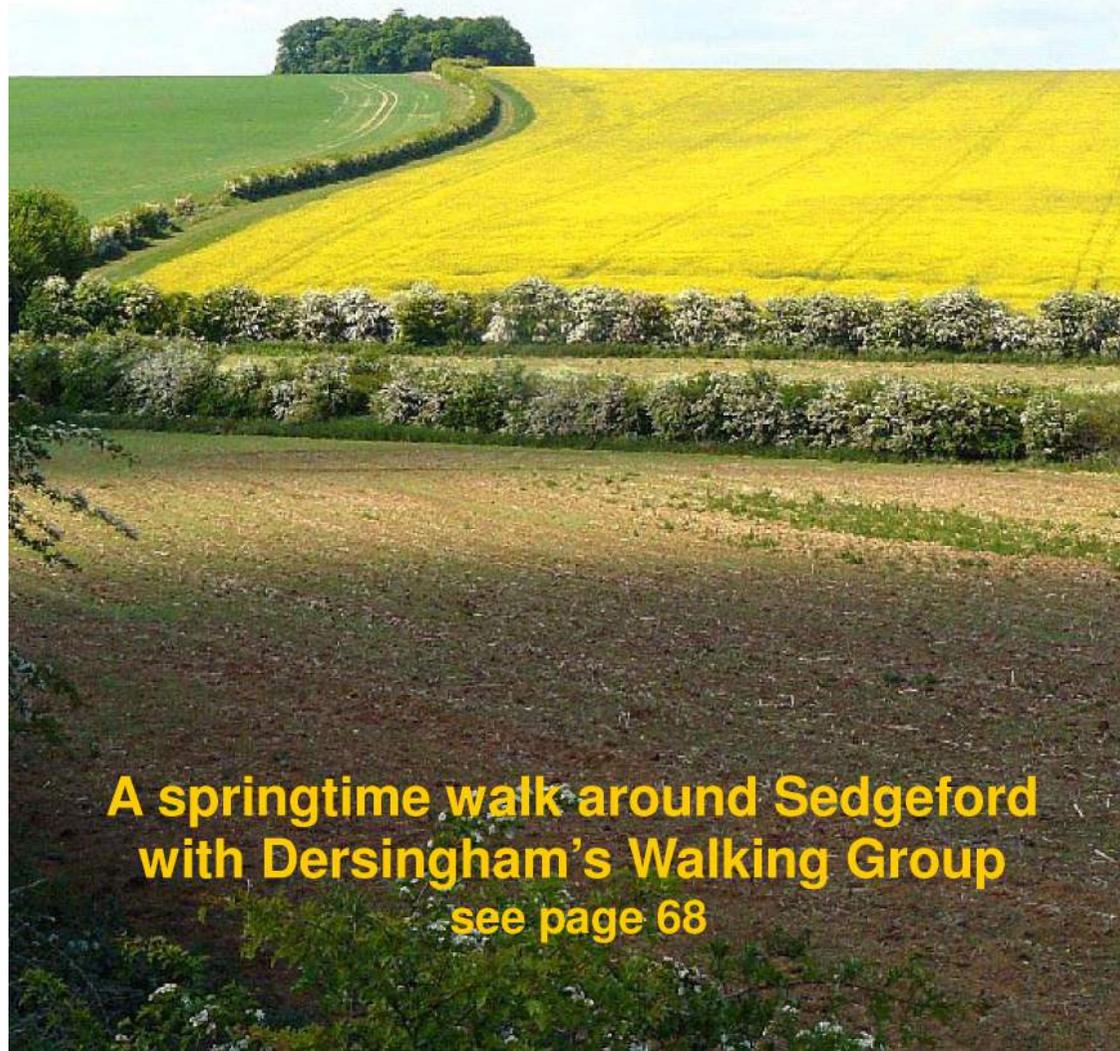


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with Dersingham's Walking Group
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It's spring again! Whatever the weather there is no arguing with the calendar and at the moment our wildlife pond is a mass of lustful frogs and vast quantities of tapioca like spawn, birds are avoiding our nest boxes as usual and flowers that shouldn't be out yet are.

This issue sees the last, for the moment, in my series on old maps. I have had a couple of readers very kindly give me maps from their own collections and I will write about these later in the year. Such generosity perhaps inspires me to write about classic Ferrari's next.

Village Voice runs to the financial year so the next edition, number 112, is the first of the next run of six so if you are contemplating advertising with us you will get a good deal by booking space for the year, just contact the office for details.

The recent harsh weather brought many birds to our feeders including the one pictured here. We were not sure what it was but the main consensus was that it was a Siskin. Trouble is it looked a bit too large and too yellow. One suggestion was a Black Headed Bunting, with a sighting of one in Cromer about three years ago. Another was a way off course Willow Goldfinch, usually found in North America. It could, of course, just be an escaped Canary. Suggestions?



I have mentioned before that some poetry would be good to have in these pages but none has appeared yet. So let's celebrate one form, the limerick, by inviting you to finish one starting - "There was a young lady from Fring". Entries should be publishable, scan and rhyme. Go on, have a go.

Our cover picture of fields near Sedgeford was taken by Stephen Martyn who is our Walking Group co-ordinator. If you have yet to join us for a stroll, please do, as we always welcome new faces, or should that be feet? Most walks cover about 4 miles and last a couple of hours, so they are not too taxing.

Of course we must not neglect celebrating the 50th birthday of the Ford Escort this year. Gone was the faithful Anglia, that to me always seemed ready to roll over on bends and sported the reverse angle rear window, ushering in a much sleeker replacement. This was not the first outing for the name, as the first Escort was the poverty van conversion of the 100E Anglia. Did you own a escort? Do tell us about yours and perhaps a picture as well.

Well, we have the now to be expected mix for you to read and inwardly digest in the following pages with such diverse subjects as Smart Meters, wisdom from Dick Melton and puzzle items. We do spoil you.□



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Many watch batteries changed and watches sold. Frazer at the Post Office has taken on the mantle as watch battery and strap changer, so please take your items along to support him.
Thank You, regards to you all.

David Hart

I'm the Regional Fundraiser for Parkinson's UK. I have held a Walk for Parkinson's event at the Blickling Estate for the last 2 years. This event was held to increase support and funds for Parkinson's UK in Norfolk. It was attended by 155 people. This year I'm repeating the event on Saturday 12th May and I'm keen to try and increase participant numbers (and raise more funds). We rely so heavily on supporters joining our events to raise vital funds for the support services and research we fund. If you are able to help I'd be really grateful.



Here is a link to our webpage which provides further information about the Walk for Parkinson's event in Norfolk. www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkblicklingestate

Becky Redbond Regional Fundraiser – East Anglia (East) Parkinson's UK

Snoring Lodge

My father, Maurice Melton, was a gamekeeper on the Dersingham fields beat of the Sandringham Estate from 1939 to 1981. The property known as Snoring Hall Lodge is the last detached house on the left hand side of the road as you leave the village on the Dersingham, Shernborne Road. It is adjacent to Snoring Hall Carr (a small wood) which was on father's beat. The field past the carr is known as the "hop ground".

John Melton

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Some of you may remember former Dersingham residents, Harold and Lorna Willoughby. They moved back to Bedford where Harold died some years ago. Last month Lorna, too, passed away at the grand age of 92.

Alex Polaine

DERSINGHAM INSTITUTE BOWLS CLUB

by Jan Rawstron

There is usually very little to report in our 'off season', however, in January we were beset by gale-force winds, which resulted in two trees falling through the back fence of the bowls club, one coming to rest on the clubhouse roof. The morning after the gale, our groundsman Dickie organised a working party and, true to form, our members turned out to remove the offending trees. This was quite a job, taking the best part of two days to complete, but was done in the usual positive spirit, accompanied by regular hot drinks, biscuits, and even Hot Cross Buns.



The green will be officially opened by our President, Bob Meredith, at 2pm on April 7th, and we look forward to seeing

our members after the winter break. Hopefully the weather will have improved by then, because as I write this, everything is covered in snow, very beautiful of course, but not great for outdoor bowls.

After our successful results in the leagues last year, we begin the 2018 campaigns towards the end of April. I'm sure we will enjoy the challenge.

Finally, there will be a working party, to give the clubhouse and the area surrounding the green a spruce-up on Saturday March 24th at 9.30am.□

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Village Centre

Construction is going well, and we recently were awarded a grant of £88,250.00 from WREN for phase two of the project. This relates to work which was removed from the initial build contract to meet our budget of £850,000, and includes a commercial standard kitchen, first floor meeting room suite, Photovoltaic cells, and floor covering throughout.

The Council was obliged to add a significant sum to the precept to support unexpected fees. You will see this when you receive your Council Tax bills.

It will look like a large amount, but the extra sum added for the Village Centre equates to 40p a week for a Band D property. This will mean every household is contributing towards an amenity which will provide new, much needed, services for every one of us.

Here is a table showing the initial build costs and sources of funding. The WREN funding and associated phase two works are not included.

Village Centre Costs		Village Centre Funding	
Build contract	850,000.00	Big Lottery	550,000.00
Fees	10,000.00	Other grants	44,000.00
Contingency	42,500.00	Parish Council	189,000.00
Total	902,500.00	Fundraising	3,000.00
In addition		Public works Loan	150,000.00
Fees	31,000.00	DVCA	10,000.00
Reserves replacement	12,500.00	Total Funding	946,000.00
Total costs to date	946,000.00		

Notes: Parish Council funding includes precepts from previous years, this year, and the repayment to reserves.

DVCA is fundraising for the Centre and for furniture and equipment.

Notes: Some unforeseen architect and legal fees were incurred. This also includes provision for potential legal fees relating to the footpath diversion.

Village Events

The Village Community Day, including Fun Dog Show, will take place on Sunday June 10th at the Sports Ground, Manor Road. If you would like to help, do some fundraising for charity, or run an activity, please contact the Clerk.

There are several activities planned this year to commemorate the end of the First World War. In the morning of November 11th, there will be special ceremonies at St Nicholas Church and the War Memorial. In the evening we are taking part in the nationwide event - 'Battle's Over' - which will include St Nicholas Church bells being rung, the lighting of the Beacon with a special citation, and a supper in the Village Centre.

Leading on from this is a series of activities, led by Alex Ware, dedicated to the men whose names are on the War Memorials, their lives and families, culminating on the anniversary of the installation of the village War Memorial. More information can be found in this edition and further updates will be included in Village Voice.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are now held twice monthly on the second and fourth Mondays in the month. Details can be found in the office window and on the website. Members of the public are very welcome and there is time allotted for parishioners to ask questions. Please contact the Clerk for more information on meetings and advice about Parish matters.

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As Jane Austen might have said "It is a universal truth that what goes round comes round" and this may be so whether vinyl records, fashion, furniture, jewellery and art – the list goes on. The question is "how long do we have to wait and, in the meantime, where do we store it"?

It is very likely that our children will want one or two of our treasured possessions. A Victorian bureau, a painting, a monogrammed powder compact can all provide us with a link to our family history and memories of lives lived and loved.

Times change however and cut glass decanters, silver dishes and china figurines, displayed in glass-fronted cabinets, suited an age when even the most modest family strived to employ a "maid of all work", who would keep everything polished and sparkling. Today, in a faster moving environment, people are looking to own glassware, which is dishwasher proof and easily replaceable, clothing which can be machine washed and tumble-dried and furniture, where comfort is key.

Spring is a great time to think about de-cluttering, whether an anticipated downsize to a



smaller property, moving to a nursing home or sheltered accommodation or just providing more space (both physically and mentally). There is a collector, out there, for almost everything, from costume jewellery to signed first editions. A signed first edition Elizabeth David cookbook recently fetched £500, at auction. The key is, knowing how to find buyers and what price to ask.

William Morris's guideline "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful", is a good starting point for decluttering. Impartial, professional advice and support is essential.

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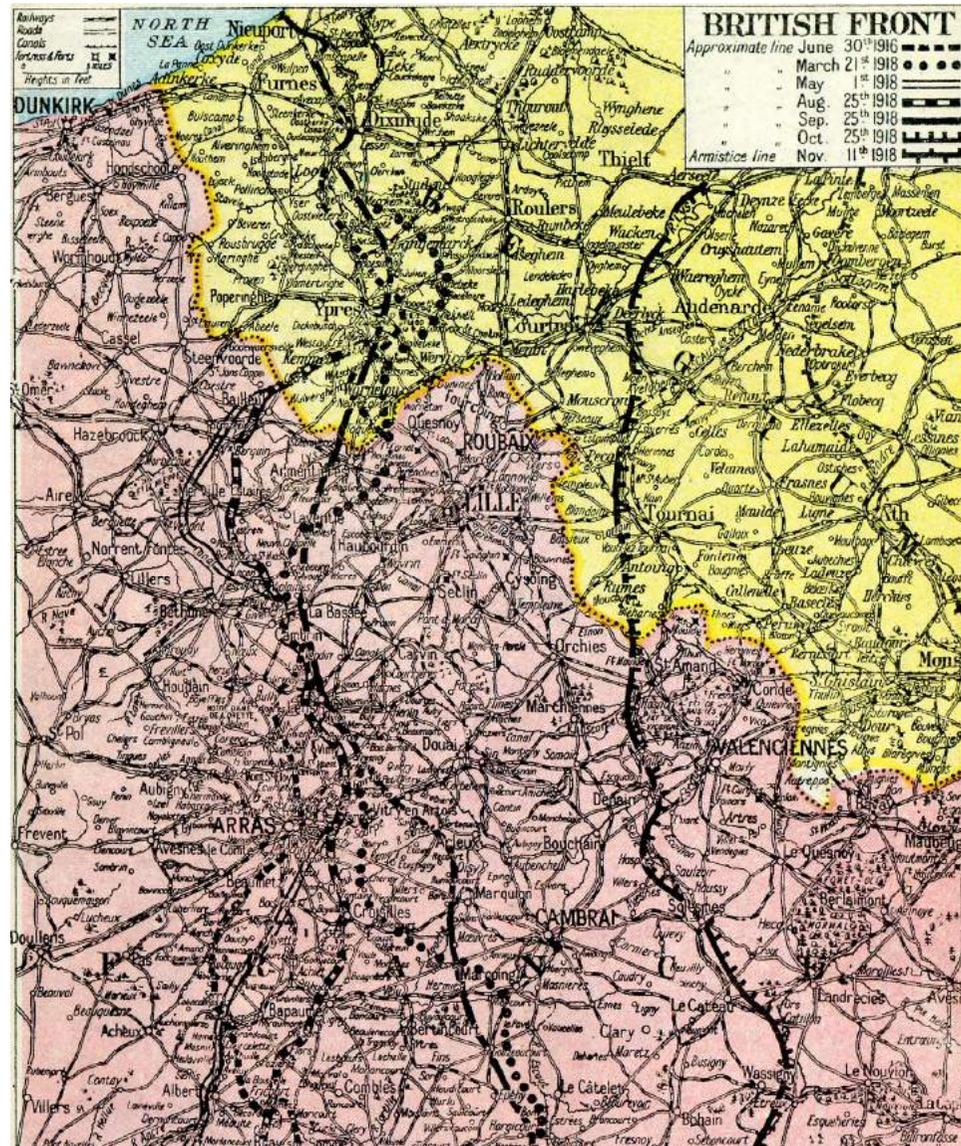
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Old Map Corner by Tony Bubb

I thought I would bring this series to a close with this map showing the various positions of the British Front prior to the end of WW1 bearing in mind the 100 years anniversary. This was in The Daily Mirror World Atlas published around 1920 (3/9) and produced by Geographia. All letterpress printing in those days, the maps were just about readable and were reduced from larger originals. This extract is about 15% larger than originally printed. I suppose the heavy added lines were the best they could do at the time. Now, with computer mapping finer work can be achieved but it tends to be a little soulless. A good trade off? Discuss



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Marathon Run by Steve Eldridge

I've lived worked and grown up in the village for around 33 years. Odette my fiancée moved here when we brought our first home around 15 years ago, both our parents and my Nan are also living here, I'm sure many of you know me and have seen me about but probably more so Odette as she's been a manager of the local supermarket for many years.

I have taken on the daunting challenge of running the 26.2 mile London marathon on April 22nd this year to raise money for East Anglia's Childrens Hospices – EACH. The reason I am doing this is because heartbreakingly 5 years ago our son Callum passed away at a very young age with leukaemia and EACH were there for us through very dark times and we will never be able to pay them back for all they have done for us as a family, so this is my way of trying.

I am not a runner, in fact I only started half way through November once I found out that a drunken application had landed me a spot, EACH had chosen me to represent them. I totally underestimated how far 26 miles is and how hard the long cold wet lonely training has been, I've come close to quitting at times but ploughed on and can proudly say I completed a 20mile run a few weeks ago where I ran non stop for 3hours.

Like I mentioned before, I'm fundraising for this fantastic local children's charity and would be very grateful for any donations towards my £2000 target. If you recognise me and would like support my efforts please search Stephen Eldridge on the Virgin Money fundraising website for online donations, or contact me direct for a paper sponsorship form on 07787 544017, also if any businesses have a charity fund or would like to donate I can provide receipts.

Thank you for reading this far and I hope with your support I can smash my target for this fantastic local charity so they can carry on their specialist and vital care for less fortunate children and families. I will keep everyone informed how I got on after completion and hopefully have a big shiny medal too.
Thanks, Steve.□



The Lavender Lacemakers

The Lavender Lacemakers have now changed venue. We are now at Ingoldisthorpe Social Club, Smithy Road. We meet every Tuesday from 10am-3pm, if you wish to join us bring a packed lunch and tea and coffee will be available all day.

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The recent white stuff gave rise to new learning opportunities for the children to explore melting and freezing, writing instructions on how to build a snowman and creating paper snowflakes. Of course, they also had the chance to play with their friends in the snow and



for some of the younger children it was their first real experience of snow. The hill at the Early Years Site provided the perfect excuse for children and parents to practise their sledging skills!

The Nursery and Reception children have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year with a special visit to the Silk Road Chinese Restaurant in Heacham. The children enjoyed an amazing choice of Chinese food and even tried traditional lion dancing. A huge thank you to Ben from the restaurant for the wonderful gifts the children received to celebrate!



The preschool children have been learning about traditional tales and arrived to find a huge beanstalk had grown in their classroom base! The Giant has left the children letters each day and on the last day before he moved to a new house he left a huge treasure chest of chocolate coins for the children (and staff) to share!

As well as finishing off their topic on castles and looking forward to the Easter celebrations, Year 2 are honing their writing skills through the Power of Reading story, Croc and Bird. The highlight of the term was a visit to Norwich Castle, where they



discovered that people in the past slept in their clothes, used human poo to help make leather and had a huge array of tools and utensils to help the castle run smoothly!

Year 3 are beginning to look forward to Easter, using a powerpoint package to help them sequence the story. They launched the half term with a mini-topic about patience. This saw the children resisting a Maoam sweet for a full 15 minutes to be rewarded with two sweets. The adults were amazed by the fantastic results! This has helped the children master the skill of patience and has had a positive impact on their learning!

Year 4 are adventuring along the Amazon, becoming intrepid explorers through the rainforest. They will be discovering the incredible animals, classifying living things and becoming David Attenborough to create a documentary! Through the range of challenges, including a Senses Journey, a 3D map, the children will learn the impact of human destruction and deforestation. The topic will finish by writing stories portraying animals identity and interdependence.



The hands on the clock never stop from the moment we are born to toddler to teen, middle age to elderly. Year 5 classes are taking a good look at themselves, including investigating their own DNA, discovering how they have changed as they have grown older and key events which have shaped their lives. The topic will conclude by writing their own inventive diary, preserving significant objects in a series of matchboxes.

The KS2 girls have been fantastic ambassadors for the school, participating in a girl's football festival at Lynnsport. The KS1 and KS2 gymnastic teams performed admirably at Eagles Gym where competition was tough. Will Taylor, George Stevenson and Edward Murray went on to compete in the

County swimming finals with Edward winning a gold medal for the school, congratulations! The Cross-Country County finalists will have to wait a while longer to compete, as the tournament was cancelled due to snow!

The Valentine disco was a roaring success, with Miss Seaman and Mr Williamson competing to be the best mummy! We are looking forward to having our rearranged movie night and world book day celebrations later this term.

Next stop Easter and the long awaited warmer days!□





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Dersingham Day Centre By Alice Worth

As I write this report at the end of February we are in the grip of some really awful weather and it is hard to believe that Easter is only four weeks away. Hopefully this extremely cold spell won't last too long and we can begin to look forward to the Spring.

In January Jennie Hornieblow arranged for us all to have a special roast beef lunch to celebrate her birthday. This was enjoyed by everyone, so thank you Jennie. Then on the 14th February Vic Byles treated us all to a Fish and Chip lunch provided by the Village Fryer, again to celebrate his birthday earlier in the month. This is always popular so thank you Vic. As it was Valentine's Day, Vic's Birthday Cake was decorated with red hearts. In one corner it said "Who loves you" and in the other corner "We do". The tables were also decorated with red hearts and each table had a Valentine Card on it – a lovely touch appreciated by everyone, so thank you to the Volunteers responsible.



We are continuing with our quiz afternoons every other month throughout the coming year as everyone seems to enjoy them. There is always keen competition between the teams as Members of the winning team win a free lunch the following week.



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We have been pleased to welcome three new Members this month and three new Volunteers. As the moment we still have room for new Members and anyone wishing to join the Day Centre on a Wednesday can contact me for further information on 01485 544673. We would also welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a Volunteer, we can never have too many. It is a very worthwhile way of helping in the community and is also very enjoyable. Any time that you can spare would be appreciated and you are always welcome to come along to the Ingoldisthorpe Sports and Social Club on a Wednesday to see what we are all about.

Easter will soon be with us and on the 4th April we will be celebrating with a special lunch, and then partying with live entertainment, this year at the United Services Club in Hunstanton.

On behalf of the Members and Volunteers of the Day Centre, I wish all Village Voice Readers a very happy Easter.□

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If you would like to know more then please contact the Chairman Rex Makemson 01485 543017 or just come along....

Here is some of our members recent work.□





A newish year so what is new at the Dersingham Evening WI?

We have two new groups started. Babs already has an established Craft Group that meets at her house once a month on a Thursday, but she has kindly, by popular request, started a beginners group on a Monday once a month. Needless to say, the spaces were quickly taken, and all is going well. The second new group is a dining group run by new members Cyn and Lyn, which will eat out every other month at different restaurants.



Some will be evening meals and some lunches. The inauguration meal was in the village at The Feathers and 10

members were present. Sadly, Lyn was ill but those attending had a jolly time and a good meal. We look forward to more meals out during the year. Our thanks go to Babs, Cyn and Lyn for such a great input.



Our established groups continue to flourish and there is much to look forward to. The Coffee mornings have begun with Pat and Chris organising them. Our first one of the year was at Diane's. A successful morning with jolly chatter and a raffle for WI funds.

The Theatre Group, organised by Diann, has several bookings coming up. This time there is a chance to try an amateur production with WI friends as well as professional theatre.

Starting at Heath Road can park on Friday 23rd March Babs is inviting us to join her on a 3 mile walk around our village woods, heath and rural lanes finishing at Petals, the new village Tea Rooms. If the weather is bad the walk will not take place, but everyone is welcome to join the group at Petals at 11.00 am. Should the weather be good the group should get to Petals at 11.30. Hope to see you!



At January's meeting we had Josephine Reynolds speaking to us about being one of the first firewomen in the country. She has clearly had an interesting life and has written a book on the subject. The competition was 'A box of matches' and a good variety were presented for judging by the members.

The March meeting is planned with 'Gaywood Valley Conservation Group' talking to us. This environment is close to us so in will be interesting to find out what this group do.

Our April meeting is always Birthday time, so some food is provided by the committee and games will be played. The May meeting will be a 'Pudding Evening' with resolutions discussed.



We are expecting to run a coach to The Norfolk Show on 27th June and we are always thinking of new pastimes. If you fancy trying a meeting, the meetings take place at, St Cecilia's Catholic Church, Mountbatten Rd, Dersingham, every third Wednesday of the month (except August) starting at 7.17 pm.

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Dersingham Open Gardens Sunday 27th and Monday 28th May 2018

The DOG Working Group continues the planning process for this popular event in the village. We will again link up with resident artists to open our village to visitors keen to inspect the gardens and admire, and hopefully purchase, the artwork.

This article is to encourage anyone who feels they would like to show off their garden to come forward and be part of the Garden Tour. Dates are above, and I am happy to hear from those with small and modest gardens as well as the larger plots. I am also always happy to have offers of help either to steward gardens, on ticket sales and on our Help Desk, an initiative that we began last year, which proved very useful for our visitors.

It is a commitment, I know, but a very important part of church funding raising. Once again funds will be divided between the Church and the new Village Centre. Let's all work together to make this another bumper year for this event.

Contact me, Judy Collingham, on 01485 540271 or jcairnscol@gmail.com □

DERSINGHAM VILLAGE CENTRE David Collingham, Chairman, Dersingham Village Centre Association

Building work at the Centre is progressing on schedule with the roof joists now in place. Our Parish Council has recently been awarded a generous £88,000 grant from WREN which will allow us to complete the building to the original high specification with an extra meeting room on the first floor.

Thank you again to the many people in our community who have contributed in many ways to the success of what will be a remarkably useful addition to the community of Dersingham and its surroundings. All our current fund raising goes to providing the best possible facilities for our users – the last grant funding will be for tables and chairs in the Hall.

BOOKINGS FOR THE NEW CENTRE

Our website (www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk) is now fully set up to accept bookings from October 2018 onwards. It is simple to enquire or book – just look at the website or phone 01485 540271 for information.

EVENTS AND LOTTERY

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Dersingham Cinema: continues monthly at the Social Club. The next showings are Golden Years on March 27th and My Cousin Rachel on April 24th.

EVENTS

Fashion Show: By the time you read this, we will have held our second fashion Show, this time an evening event with nibbles and bubbly – I am sure this will have been enjoyed by all.

Open Gardens weekend is next on the agenda – dates: May 28th and 28th. □



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Smart meters - should you get one?

By Brian Anderson

I have been asked to write a short review on the wisdom (or otherwise) of having a smart meter fitted.

Smart meters are devices supplied and installed by utility companies that allow them to monitor your energy use without manual reading of the meter, to disconnect or reconnect the supply remotely and to manage the general service supply more effectively. They are not to be confused with energy use monitors that consumers may install themselves. Smart meters exist for the supply of electricity, gas and water. This article will be confined to electricity as that is where the action is currently.

The impetus for smart meters started in 2007 and by 2009 it was proposed to provide smart meters to allow consumers to monitor (and perhaps reduce) their own energy use, remove the need for estimated bills and increase the commercial efficiency of suppliers. We are now getting on nine years in and can assess how well the roll-out and use has been shaping up.

There is little evidence that consumers have saved significant amounts of energy. This is (after a little thought) unsurprising. Those consumers who would make use of the energy monitor displays are the sort of people who would already have a good idea of which devices consume most energy and adjust their use accordingly. They would know the power rating and the amount of time that the appliance is on. For instance, microwave oven and fan heater might both rated at 1kW but the heater might be on for an hour whilst the oven for only five minutes, making the energy use of the heater twelve times that of the oven over the same period.

The current push for smart meters (I suggest) has more to do with the suppliers wishing to cut costs by eliminating manual meter readings (and therefore making staff redundant) than any desire to reduce energy usage and enhance environmental benefits.

There have been significant problems over smart meter users still getting estimated bills. One reason for this is that many customers are on annual payment plans where the supplier estimates the bills for the year in advance and sends out estimated bills despite getting smart meter readings. There are also reported cases where the meter has sent inaccurate data and customers have received grossly inflated bills, sometimes claiming thousands of pounds for a day's power.



If you're in a poor mobile phone signal area it's quite likely that your meter won't communicate the data to the supplier and you go back to "dumb" mode. If you're inclined to switch suppliers, there's quite a good chance your smart meter won't work with the new company, so your meter reverts to manual reading mode and you get estimated bills only until the meter is changed. This should get sorted out as the new national standards and communication system is established. Smart meters are free to the customer but the cost of installation and operation is entirely recovered from all customer bills uniformly.

Finally, concerns have been raised about the security of the meters. There are claims that they can be hacked and infected with computer viruses, possibly turning off your power or infecting other devices in the home. Come to that, the utility company can turn off your power remotely, possibly in error. At least with a dumb meter that they have to come to your home and you can argue the toss.

Smart meters are probably useful for people - such as those unlikely to be home when the meter reader calls. The meter may prevent a succession of estimated bills. But we're not going to have one - and they're not compulsory. □

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Gardening with Disabilities Gardening Made Easy

A most enjoyable tea and demonstration at Dobbies was attended by 34 Members of Gardening with Disabilities on Friday 16th February. Caroline Bishop showed us how to make a pot-aux-fleurs with both pot plants and cut flowers. We had delicious scones and lots of tea and coffee.

On Friday, 20 April, the meeting will take place at 2.00 pm at Park House.

David Benefer, former flower arranger to the Queen, will demonstrate his skills.

Entrance is £2.00 for tea and a raffle ticket. Visitors and new Members are very welcome.

Contact May Davey at 01485 544953 for more details.□



From your Ward Councillors Judy Collingham and Tony Bubb

Road works in Dersingham (notably Chapel Road) and surrounding areas continue to cause major disruption; allied to the heavy snowfalls of last week local journeys need to be considered carefully before being undertaken! Judy drove to the coast recently via Fring and the driven snow heaps covered with mud and gravel made the side of the roads look like a lunar landscape! Getting back was a challenge; the coast road to Hunstanton was closed and Sedgeford completely blocked off. Nothing for it but to brave the bit of flooded road from Fring to Shernborne. There will almost certainly be more local flooding once the snow melts.

Deliberations of the Guildhall Working Group (of which Cllr Collingham is a member) continue apace. Briefing from user groups is under way and we hope to come up with a solution for this beautiful heritage building which will endure.

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Other local issues continue to be addressed and we would urge any ward member with concerns about road closures or duration thereof to contact us to see if we can at least give a timeline for the works.

Another plug for Open Gardens from us both – see an article by Judy in this publication.□

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Dersingham Methodist Church News by Elizabeth Batstone

Thank you for all your support for our coffee mornings. In January we raised £305.85 for World Missions and Mission in Britain, February's coffee morning raised £291.95 for flower festival funds. The March coffee morning is raising funds for Action for Children and Methodist Homes for the Aged. Easter services are as follows:

Good Friday 10.00 a.m. followed by the walk of witness round the village.

Easter Sunday 10.30 a.m. service with Revd Steve Oliver. At 4.00 p.m. we will be joining Hunstanton Methodist Church for Easter praise 'Rejoice'. We look forward to welcoming you to these special services.

Our annual flower festival is 24th – 27th May, theme 'Step by Step', all the arrangements will depict Biblical journeys. More details in the next Village Voice.□

Dersingham Carpet Bowls

The new year started quietly, with the regular Friday evening roll ups attended by those members not afflicted by seasonal coughs, colds and winterbugs. At Lynnsport the singles, pairs and fours league matches have continued during January and February.



At this time of year, it is hard to leave the warmth and comfort of the sofa for an evening meal out so, instead, 10 members and 1 guest gathered at the Old Bank at Snettisham for a late breakfast. A varied menu ranging from porridge and a bacon sandwich through full English to scrambled egg and smoked salmon on toast, accompanied by tea or coffee was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Maureen for the organising.

On the 16th February the 1st home log of the Borough Cup/Mayors Christy Shield was held against Tower Hall. This competition has a different format from most of the other matches we play. There is a home and away log, each consisting of six games, 4 pair, 1 triples and one singles, with success based on the number of shots scored rather than the number of games won. It is therefore technically possible for a team to win 5 games by one shot each but then lose one by say 7 shots and so lose the match. It keeps us on our toes.

The 1st Dersingham team to play (we have 2 in the competition) arrived at 5.30 and, with Alan's help, we're all set up when the opposition arrived at 5.45. In a good match we won all the 4s games plus the singles and drew the triples, taking a 25-shot lead into the second away. Leg matches are always accompanied by a good raffle and plenty of cake to accompany the tea and coffee.

On the 19th February a team travelled to Littleport for their monthly competition. It was a horrible, misty, wet morning but luckily no hold ups on the A10 so we arrived in good time, only to find that our 1st match was a bye so no action until 11 o'clock. We played well but missed out on going through to the quarter finals by 1 shot.

As I write it is bitterly cold with snow and ice on the ground. This has taken its toll on our activities. It was mutually agreed that the away log with Tower Hall (based at Friday Bridge to the south of Wisbech) would be re-scheduled to 13th March. The singles league matches on 1st March was cancelled, as our normal Friday evening session on the 2nd.

Hopefully by the time you read this spring will be in the air.□



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

At the last Business Breakfast, held at the Scout & Guide HQ on a cold snowy morning, there was a lengthy discussion on the apparent lack of preparedness and/or work ethic among young people especially those who undertake work experience or placements. It is essential that schools and employers work together on this so our young people are prepared for the world of work.

Not everyone is, or should be, destined for University and apprenticeships and vocational training are to be encouraged. Parents, too, have a vital role in encouraging their children to work.

The next **FREE** Business Breakfast will be held on June 5th (venue tbc).
A light breakfast is served from 7:30am, presentations at 8:00, informal networking from 8:45.

If you would like more information, or wish to attend, please contact Jacqui Farrell at the Skills Service (details below), or Sue Payne, Dersingham Parish Council:
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I'm writing this at the beginning of March and the snow is just about gone. Although I love to see the snow it really has been cold but a great excuse to curl-up in front of the fire with a book or DVD.

What a brilliant afternoon we had when author **Elly Griffiths** visited us. We had a full house and from comments made everyone enjoyed their time with us and were asking for more author visits. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who made this an amazing event including all who made and donated scrumptious cakes.

On the 20th February a small group of **Dersingham Library Friends** went to the Millennium Library Norwich to meet with likeminded people. As well as a short formal talk about what is happening in Norfolk (no libraries are closing!) it gave us time to chat with Library Friends from all over Norfolk. Ideas for events, fund raising, how to highlight your library and recruit volunteers were the main topics but it also gave us contact details for future information. Ideas of interest included Writing Group, Lego Club, Job Help, Local History Group, Cookery Demonstration, but we would need volunteers to run these – any offers? Please get in touch with Kerry at the library.

With spring now here we intend to continue sprucing up the garden and add more plants. The surrounding area of the library will be our next project, firstly to tidy it and then to make it more colourful. We are also thinking of having a plant swap or sale event – anyone interested?

Did you know we have a RVS (Royal Voluntary Service) team working from the library?

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November 2018 Dersingham Village



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To coincide with the planned opening of the new Village Centre, the Parish Council would like to commemorate the men of Dersingham, named on the War Memorial, by housing an exhibition at the Centre, where today's residents can learn about the lives, families, and occupations of these young men - where they fought and how and when they died. Such an exhibition would, it is hoped, also include information on how the Village coped during those long years and the contribution made by women to the war effort.

The Council would like to hear from anyone who has any information, at all, such as photographs maps, letters, medals, postcards etc. The Council would welcome contributions from historians, genealogists, researchers and indeed anyone with an interest in working on the event. It is hoped that, in addition to an exhibition, there could be a "Village Walk" where key locations, relating to the War, could be identified. To this end the Council would welcome sponsorship from any local residents or businesses.

If you are interested in taking part or have any contribution to make, please contact (before 30th April 2018, if possible) either:-

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Wartime Dersingham

Peter Hooks has sent in some wonderful old pictures taken locally. Some of you might recognise a few faces□





A Landscape's New View



At the end of February and into the beginning of March the snow came and transformed the landscape of our local area. There was suddenly a new view, there were carpets of white laying neatly on the roads, roofs, gardens and cars. There is a sense of wonder looking out and seeing the beauty of the new look outside.

Many people have looked back recently on how the weather was in previous years when there have been great amounts of snow. On Easter Sunday this year Christians look back to the day of Resurrection when there was a new view on the landscape because of and through the actions of Jesus Christ. This came about because of the death of Jesus on the cross.

On Good Friday the churches of the village will be sharing together in the Good Friday walk of witness beginning at the Methodist church at 10am, going via the Catholic church, the symbolic green hill, before completing at St Nicholas church where the cross will be brought in while a live singing of part of Bach's St Matthew's Passion will be sung (the follow up Big Sing). This will be a moving time for reflection.

In the Bible we hear from Luke's account: "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb" ^{Luke 24:1}.

The women then began to find out the life changing news of their landscape's new view. Like the women at Jesus' tomb being early in the morning we look forward to celebrating this Easter. The celebrations on Easter Day will begin at the Benefice Sunrise Holy Communion service outside Shernborne Church at 6:15AM, (inside if wet). Please check out the website for other services. This Easter we look both back and forward to our landscape's new view through Jesus' Resurrection.

Happy Easter

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The coming catastrophe? Brian Anderson

On 1st September 1859, a number of electric telegraph operators in the United States (and to a lesser extent in Europe) experienced electric shocks from their equipment, some of them quite severe. In some places the electrical discharges were

energetic enough to start fires. There was no rigorous scientific explanation for what had happened but it was noted that there was significant solar activity - numerous sunspots and solar flares were observed on the sun's surface immediately before the event and bright auroras were seen as far south as Hawaii, Cuba and Italy. This was not the first time that such activity had had a detectable terrestrial effect. In 1806 Alexander von Humboldt observed erratic behaviour in his magnetic compass during a bright auroral event.



It was many decades before the phenomena were understood. Maxwell's development of electromagnetic theory, the discovery of subatomic particles and a developed theory of how the sun "worked" were all required. The first full account was published in 1931, showing how when the sun emits a solar flare in the direction of the earth, a cloud of plasma (essentially electrically charged gas) travels across space and compresses the Earth's magnetic field, increasing the field at the Earth's surface and inducing electrical currents in any extended conductor (such as a long wire). This theory has been refined

considerably since but remains generally true.

These phenomena are called geomagnetic storms and have been observed on a number of occasions since the 1859 event, although none as severe. Severe disruption of telegraph operations and radio transmissions occurred in 1921 and disruption to radio was widely reported in 1960. In 1989 induced currents from a geomagnetic storm caused the collapse the Hydro-Quebec power grid in Canada, leaving six million people without power for nine hours.



I am now going to consider what might happen if the Earth is subjected to another geomagnetic storm at least as bad as that which occurred in 1859.

We start with telegraph lines, which was the main issue in 1859. Telegraphs in that sense are no longer used but extended telephone lines certainly are and are vulnerable to geomagnetic storms. This applies to

underground and undersea cables too, unless they are fibre-optic. A very severe storm could cause damage and disruption over very wide areas, perhaps globally if the auroral event lasts for over a day.

What applies to communication cables also applies to power transmission lines. The Quebec outage of 1989 was caused by power surges tripping a series of protective relays. The effect is most acute in high voltage low resistance lines. In a more severe surge both transformers and generators might overheat to the point of being disabled. One study suggests that an event of the strength of that in 1921 could destroy over 300 transformers in the United States and leave over 130 million people without power.

Another common group of extended conductors are pipelines. Pipeline operators commonly run electrical currents in pipeline walls to guard against corrosion. Geomagnetically-induced currents are likely to offset this precaution and, in the worst cases, rapidly increase the corrosion rate.

The excessive currents are caused by the fact that any conductor moving within a magnetic field (or where the field around a conductor is varying) will have a current induced within it.

Radio communications in certain frequency ranges are also disrupted by geomagnetic storms affecting ground-to-air and ship-to shore communications. Some radar systems are also affected.

These are all issues that affected our infrastructure up to the last quarter half of the 20th century. But our increasing use of satellites and ever smaller microelectronics has presented us with another risk. The solar flares are electrically charged atoms that have electrons stripped off or added (ions) or the electrons themselves, along with other subatomic particles. A satellite in orbit is essentially unshielded by the bulk of the earth's atmosphere. The bombardment by charged particles has two possible consequences. Firstly, the satellite may become charged in a way that causes high-voltage breakdown in some of its components. Secondly, the ions or electrons may directly damage the very tiny microcircuits on board. Either way, the satellite is likely to be impaired, perhaps severely. The consequences of this could be very serious - we depend on satellite systems for communications, navigation (including down to the level of sat navs and a very wide range of smartphone apps), weather forecasting and environmental monitoring.

Some satellites (notably the Japanese ADEOS-2 satellite in late 2003) have been severely damaged by geomagnetic storms. Another storm effect is the heating of the upper atmosphere, causing it to expand. This is a risk for low orbit satellites as the



increased drag can bring them out of orbit as happened with Skylab in 1979.

With such a range of vulnerabilities there are likely to be synergistic effects - that is "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts". Thus, a communication failure (especially internet communications) could

disable efforts to prevent or remedy a power failure caused by excessive induced currents.

The solar storms also pose a risk to humans due to the increased radiation flux. It is most acute for astronauts who do not have the protective barrier of the atmosphere and the Earth's magnetic field to protect them. Crews of aircraft flying at high altitude are also at some risk although passengers (who fly less frequently) should be largely unaffected. So, what can we do? At ground level, communication cables and power lines can be provided with protective circuits incorporating relays or diodes that can trip or divert when excessive currents or voltages are detected - care in design is essential in order to prevent the cascade failure of the sort seen in Canada in 1989. For satellites there are several options. Firstly, adding more mass should shield the satellite from at least some of the radiation. Secondly, adding redundancy will allow the satellite functions to continue - this means adding extra or alternative circuits that perform the same function. These measures come at a cost as they all add mass to the satellite and make the launch more expensive.

The next precaution is early warning. There are currently several satellites orbiting the sun around the Lagrange point where the gravity of the earth and sun balance, allowing the satellite to remain in the same relative position. These spacecraft monitor the condition of the sun and can give early warning of developing solar flares and provide data on the intensity of the radiation. There would be no warning time for gamma rays as they travel at the same speed as the radio signals from the satellite but should give some warning for ions and electrons, giving enough time for cables and power lines to be temporarily disconnected.

So, how likely is a severe event? Ice core evidence indicates that an event of the magnitude of 1859 will occur on average once every 500 years (there is, of course a problem with averages - there could be two in successive years and then nothing for a thousand years. This still gives an average of 500 years!).

Dersingham is not at greater risk than other places as, despite the near ubiquity of overhead power and telephone lines, the conductors are short and, in any case, buried cables are just as vulnerable.

Is there anything we can personally do? Well, not very much apart from not being *too* reliant on the internet. For instance, make sure you can still read a map in case the satnav stops working. Be a bit careful about the "internet of things" as some devices aren't as robust as they should be. And probably don't get a driverless car! There is rather a depressing coda to this account. Ever since the development and deployment of nuclear weapons it has been known that a nuclear explosion causes a similar effect to a geomagnetic storm, especially when the detonation is at very high altitude. It is believed that both Russia and the United States have weapon systems designed to produce this effect. □

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Sandringham Parish Council From Ben Colson

First of all, my apologies that there was no entry in the February edition of Village Voice. It was sent but not received by the Editor. This April write up therefore covers some of the essential points from the February one too.

The Parish Council's own website is now up and running. Visit us at www.sandringhamparishcouncil.org and tell us what you think. You can see who your Parish Councillors are, meeting dates – which you are welcome to attend and observe – and Agendas and Minutes of meetings. You will also find formal letters we have written, such as recently to the Boundary Commission, and, click on News for past Village Voice notes which will be updated for each edition. With easy access to the website, and, as you'll read below, soon Wolferton will also have superfast broadband, the Parish Council has decided to no longer post Minutes of its meetings on the village notice boards at Babingley, West Newton and Wolferton. Agendas will continue to be posted but NOT Minutes.

The Parish Council met on 10th January and discussed and reach agreements on a number of important matters. These included the setting of a Precept, our final submission to the Boundary Commission, the naming of roads in the Parish and the requirement to hold a Parish Assembly each year. Details of our discussions and what we agreed can be found by reading the Minutes for that meeting on our website.

The Parish Council met again on 7th March. A number of key points discussed included: Broadband for Wolferton – this is imminent and still on course for delivery during April. Naming of roads and signs – this too is imminent as roads in the parish have to be named.

Parish Assembly – we are required to hold what is in effect an annual Open Day and are working towards one to be held during June

Plans for the commemoration of the end of World War I on 11th November this year.

Future provision of bus services – details are given separately below but the Council discussed the very early last bus from King's Lynn passing through West Newton and Sandringham to Hunstanton and other deficiencies and we are writing to the County Council to press for those parts of the timetable to be reviewed and improved.

Average speed cameras on the A149 – the County Council has written saying that these cameras will be erected along the A149 between Knights Hill and Heacham to enforce the 60mph limit, the purpose being to reduce the accident rate. The widely held view is that it is not the speed as such but the badly designed junctions which cause the very high accident rate, especially at places like Castle Rising. We shall be writing to the County Council to support measures to reduce accidents but to press for them to deal with the cause of accidents rather than what appears as a fund raising measure.

Mobile Post Office – the Post Office is proposing to have a mobile office visit West Newton on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and to park in the roadway to the Village Hall, opposite the shop and social club. They are asking for views, and the parish council will write in strong support of the proposal.

New bus times from Monday 30th April

You will have read in the papers about Stagecoach ending its services in West Norfolk and this includes those passing through the parish. From Sunday 29th April, Lynx will run all the routes, with the 34 and 36 running three times an hour (twice on Sunday) along the A149 serving Babingley and the nearest stop to Wolferton.

The 35 will cover Sandringham Caravan Club site stop, West Newton and Sandringham Visitor Centre. Taking the times at West Newton Church as a guide, they will run at the following times during the week and on Saturdays, but times are different on Sunday with the first bus to Lynn leaving at 10.53am

To King's Lynn: 8.10am on schooldays, then 9.43am and every hour until 5.43pm

Return from K Lynn: 9am then every hour until 4pm
To Dersingham and Hunstanton: 9.18am and every hour until 4.18pm
Return from Hunstanton: 9.05am and every hour until 5.05 pm (pick up Dersingham 25 minutes later)

News from Wolferton

Broadband – there was great excitement months ago when the new green cabinet appeared, and we thought we would be connected to Faster Broadband by the year end. That was not to be, as a result of some technicality to do with the power supply. More recently a trench has been dug across the entrance to Church Lane and we now know we are about a month away from being able to connect.

St Peter's Church roof – The roof, particularly the North facing side, is in need of urgent essential repair, and the Parochial Church Council has received a quote of nearly £250k to do it. It bid for funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund in the Autumn but was not successful. Normally a further bid would be made but that Fund has now been wound up, so it will be competing with much larger projects of a national and regional scale, and that means more funds will have to be raised by local effort. A number of events will be held to raise funds and you are urged to come and help.

Wolferton social club – the Annual General Meeting of the Social Club was held on 7th March and with a bigger turnout than in previous years. Apart from the formal business, the main discussion was on how to attract more people to use the facility, not just when it is currently open, but during the day as well.

Forthcoming Events at the social club –

Thursday 29 th March –	Wolferton Folk Club meets at 7.30pm
Thursday 12 th April –	Wolferton Folk Club meets at 7.30pm
Saturday 14 th April –	60s music and dance to music by Side Walk, club opens 8pm dancing from 9pm
Sunday 15 th April –	Cash bingo, eyes down at 8pm
Tuesday 17 th April –	Prize bingo, eyes down at 7.30pm
Thursday 26 th April –	Wolferton Folk Club meets at 7.30pm
Thursday 10 th May –	Wolferton Folk Club meets at 7.30pm
Tuesday 15 th May –	Prize bingo, eyes down at 7.30pm
Sunday 20 th May –	Cash bingo, eyes down at 8pm

Coffee morning – on Saturday 24th March a coffee morning will be held at the Social Club from 10am till 12 noon. As well as coffee and cake, there will be a raffle, a book and cake stall, and lucky straws.

Proceeds will go to St Peter's Church, Wolferton, and the Happy Memories Club (for people living with dementia and their carers). All are welcome.

Quiz Night – a quiz night is being held at the Social Club on Friday 11th May in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. Teams of up to four players for a fee of £10. Please contact Pat Ranger to book your table, either on 01553 770259 or by text to 07810 318230.

Plant sale – A plant sale will be held on the Green from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 12th May in aid of the St Peter's Church roof fund. Refreshments and Raffle will be held in the Social Club. Please make a note in your diary and come along.

For your diary – Future cash bingo meetings will be held at the Social Club on 17th June, 15th July, 12th August, 9th September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December, all eyes down at 8pm.□



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The butchers

It is good to see a nice lot of letters in this Village Voice issue 110 as this gives me plenty to work on. This included another letter from Pat Lindford. I can remember Mr Terrington keeping the butchers shop. If I remember right, when he went into retirement he lived in Fern Villa, which was also in Heath Road. Mr Kerry then took the butchers shop on and then he sold out to Mr Ken Milton. The Miltons, Ken, his brother Doug and their father, had four shops at Dersingham, Gayton, Grimston and Baxters Plain in Kings Lynn. I worked for Ken Milton as a van driver on the rounds. Fred Houchen worked there: he was the slaughter man; he was not very big but he was very strong. I worked there from 1957 until 1960 when I was called up for the army to do my National Service.

Wellswill

I remember "Wellswill" school well with the swimming pool out the front. I did not realise boys went there as well as girls. When it stopped being a school some time in the nineteen fifties it was sold to a Mr Elton Rose who came from Terrington St Clements. There was a field on the opposite side to Wellswill that went with the school, also another field at the back. Mr Rose erected some large wooden huts on these fields in which he kept laying hens and sold the eggs wholesale. Mr Rose had sold up by 1964 and then Mr Scott from Kings Lynn lived there and changed the name to "Wood Royal". Mr Scott then sold off the land for building (Manor Side). I think that when people moved into the bungalows at Manor Side they did not realise how close they were to the open common. After it caught fire a time or two the residents of the bungalows clubbed together and paid to have a firebreak between the common and their bungalows.

Tomatoes

Yes Pat you are right about Mr Tuck and his tomatoes. Bob Martins worked for Mr Stanton who grazed a lot of sheep down the marsh. He would go down there and get a sack of sheep droppings as his son, Ken Martins, also grew tomatoes. Both Mr Tuck and Bob Martins had the same idea. They would put the sack of sheep muck in an old bath, then fill it with water. After a week or two the water would go green, so then they would fill their water cans and use this water to feed their tomato plants. It certainly made them grow and taste good.

Water hens

Now then Joy Pearce has a problem with water hens. Water hens, moorhens and coot like anywhere like small ponds and dykes or ditches and they will wander away from these to find fresh greenery. I remember a man in the village who grew some low beans on a contract to Smedleys. He saw that as soon as the beans sprouted through something was eating the tops. There was a dyke running up one side of the field and this is where the water hens came from. I would think that your moorhens or water hens are coming from the small pond to the east of Sugar Lane. Moorhens have been known to go about in flocks of up to 100 and they don't always stay by water, so you might get some more yet.

Snoring Lodge

So Bridget Higginson stayed in Dersingham in 1972 at Snoring Lodge. This is no 17 Shernborne Road, right next to Snoring Lodge Wood where the old Snoring Manor was many years ago. All through the 1960s and 1970s my late father, Jim Melton, was part time gardener at Snoring Lodge. It was owned by a Mr Jeffries, who was a solicitor from London. He had been left the house by a relative. I don't think he ever lived there. He would come down three or four times a year to pay my father for his work; he always came down just before Christmas as at the back of the house there was some walnut trees and my father would gather the walnuts up for him. We had some to. The next house going down the road, "Greenways" (no 16), was the home of Mr Gordon Brown and his family; my father also looked after these gardens as well.

Queen Mary's chauffeur

What a very good story about the Kellogg house in Heath Road by Elizabeth Fiddick. She mentions Cromarty House in Heath Road where Queen Mary's retired chauffeur, Oscar Humphrey, lived with his niece Miss Fraser, who looked after him. When he left the service of Queen Mary in 1945 his house in Heath Road was not ready for him to move into, so he rented no 18 Duncow Lane that belonged to my father's uncle, Mr Tom Drew. Tom later turned this house into a lady's hair salon that was run by his two daughters, Doris and Eleanor, for many years. The man who took over from Oscar Humphrey as Queen Mary's chauffeur was Mr Fred Southgate whose mother and father, Mr and Mrs Albert Southgate, kept the Albert Victor public house in Manor Road from 1937 to 1961.

The Emblements

Often people get in touch with me about the area of land that is in Manor Road opposite the Feathers hotel with a five bar gate leading to it. A lot of people call this land (about 25 acres) the elmlands. I have also heard it called the collects, the emblems and even Slash Wood. The proper name for this land is the emblements, the definition of this being 'the annual crops and profits of land cultivated by a tenant farmer.'

This land was for many years a smallholding and in the 1920s it was farmed by a Mr Emmerson and some of the land by the side of Sandringham Hill was farmed by Ken Martins. The area of land from the old school was, fifty years ago, all grassland right up to the boundary fence of St George's School. Then on the southern side it sloped up to Dersingham woods. Not far through the five bar gate there was, and what's left of it, a large pond, at one time and the largest pond in the village. There was very few trees and a footpath ran from the gate opposite the Feathers right along the northern edge of this land as far as St George's School boundary. Lots of boys and girls who lived up Dodds Hill used this footpath to get to school; also many people used this path to get from Dodds Hill to do their shopping in Manor Road.

In 1970 the Dersingham Parish Council had the chance to take over this land from Sandringham Estate and use it as an amenity area for all the people from the village to use just like the commons. The c.i.t.b [Construction Industry Training Board] from Bircham said they would clean out the pond and tidy up the other areas with their machines as training for their students, but the council at the time turned down this offer. Some of the members of the Dersingham Parish Council were all for this but in the end they were out-voted. This was a great shame. The footpath has vanished and the pond that many of us spent hours skating on is covered with brambles and small trees, as is the slopes from Dersingham Wood that we would slide down on our sledges. I reckon if this area of land had been flat instead of hilly it would have been built on long ago, like many other areas of land have been around the village.

Samphire

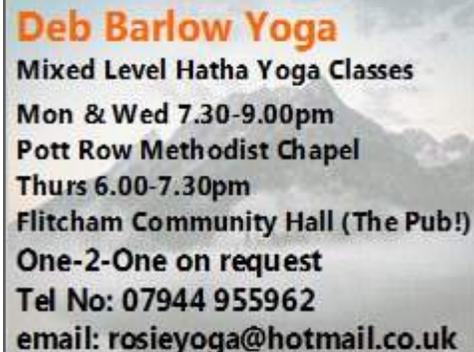
Here is a bit about samphire (sanfer) written by an old Norfolk boy.

It takes a proper Norfolk man to know about sanfer. My lad went to Lynn library to learn about sanfer, the school told him to, couldn't find nothing. Then the teacher say "look up glasswort."

Thas a rum un, cos I hev picked it orff

Thornham beach sin I was a little ole bor. It grows like small trees in the sand, or long them toidal cricks in the mud. The toide have to cover it, specially on springs, and it collect that green blanket -weed sometoime, but that don't do no harm - jus warsh it orff in the sea. Blust sanfer is a capital vegetable, better'n spinach, real tasty. Now Missus Lee is a master hand with sanfer; she doant warsh it, she spread it out on a cold tiled floor in her outhouse to dry an only warsh it just afore boilin. She loves her ole sanfer.

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Weekly events:

Scrabble club - Mondays 1.30-3pm **Just a cuppa** – Wednesdays 2-3pm

Knit and natter - Thurs 10.30-12 **Baby bounce & rhyme** – Thurs term time 10-10.30am

Volunteers needed!

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

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

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

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

Peer support group for Carers led by the Alzheimer's Society – Tuesday April 3rd and May 1st 1-3pm For further information contact the Alzheimer's Society on 01603 763556

Colour yourself calm - Wednesday 4th April and 2nd May 10.30-12

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

Crime Book Club - Monday 9th April and 14th May 5.45-6.45pm (please note new start time)

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

Dog's Trust activities – Wednesday 11th April 10.30-11.30am

Come and join Jo Goodman, Education and Community Officer for East Anglia, for a morning of dog related activities and simple crafts! This event is suitable for children under 12 and their parents or carers. This event is free but booking is essential. Please call 01485 540181.

Big Garden Weed – Friday 13th April 10-12

Could you spare some time to help tidy up the library garden? Just bring along your gloves, a trowel or fork, and we'll supply the tea and cake. Contact the library for more information.

Book Club - Mon 16th April & 21st May 5.45-6.45pm (please note new start time)

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

Boudicca, Rebel Queen - Thursday 26th April 7.30pm

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Walk and talk group – Thursday 19th April and 17th May 2.30pm

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Further Progress on Dersingham Village Centre From Chris Davey



After all the heavy snows and storms at the end of February, the good news is that the work on the Dersingham Village Centre proceeds almost on schedule, with all the sub-structure works fully complete. The recent drone photo gives a good indication on how well the work has progressed in the last two months.



The construction work is now focused on the superstructure, and anyone walking along the footpath or driving down the road can easily see the structural steel girders which will support the main roof on the Centre. In addition, most of the timber

roof joists are now also in place. The external timber frame is also almost complete, and so we can begin to see the overall envelope of the new building.

Inside the overall timber frame, the separate rooms in the Centre are taking shape, with the separate Meeting Room on the ground floor, and the internal sections. We have now been awarded a WREN grant of a further £88,250 which will cover the costs for the first floor, fitting out the kitchen, installing solar panels, and upgrading the floor in the main hall to ensure it is suitable for all the purposes envisaged in our original plans for the Dersingham Centre.



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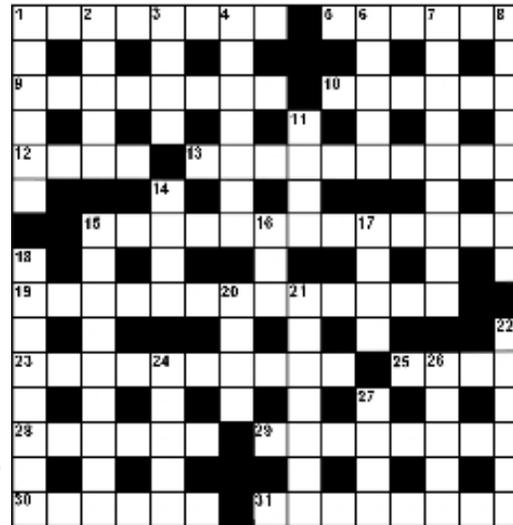
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PUZZLE CORNER

Crossword 9 by Philip Neal

Across

- 1 Teddy's family goes on ahead in the army (8)
 5 Begin to get sour on board (6)
 9 Musician delivers newspaper on the first (8)
 10 Secure kind of release (6)
 12 Jazz returning to English flower (4)
 13 Some bounder going to seed? (6,4)
 15 Need sugar bean cooked for lowers (8,5)
 19 Exhausted, I'd go to me somehow for eventual completion (3,2,4,4)
 23 A stiff examination (4,6)
 25 Swimmer appears when ballet dancer disregards busy French Department (4)
 28 Universal alloy welded for everyone (3-3)
 29 Iron in snack bar caused funny fine face stimulant (8)
 30 Initially, Roy harnessed yacht to her mooring flow (6)
 31 When it becomes absorbed in bassoon assembly (2,4,2)



Down

- 1 Second class ways in Norfolk (6)
 2 Feeling ones direction in Austen abbey (5)
 3 Melody by relative on the 3rd August (4)
 4 Doctor detains alternatively (7)
 6 Detective inspectors left upset about the lock (5)
 7 Engineers caught corner figure (9)
 8 Top players welcome Les but miss pips (8)
 11 Could be housemaids maiden name while married to Kelvin (4)
 14 Check that is going up inside the navy (4)
 15 Bucks town where misbehaving Les and Ray buy duck (9)
 16 Jeff fronts bulb band (3)
 17 Fatty for example caught in maniac identity (4)
 18 Expat Ray got mixed up with someone on P.A.Y.E. (8)
 20 Therefore up to the villain (4)
 21 River birds in tuxedos? (7)
 22 Proverbially tearful, misses Bo-Peep and Locket (6)
 24 Saint left conspicuous stranger (5)
 27 Hairstyle seen in Faro or football association up north (4)

Sudoku

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WORD WALL BY Philip Neal

Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words

DOCTOR	CASTLE	FALKLANDS	OFFICER
BISHOP	JACKDAW	RAVEN	MIDWAY
ARMADA	BOAT	KING	MAGPIE
BUTTRESS	KNIGHT	ROOK	TRAFALGAR

The Daily Doings of Mrs. Dolittle



Right now, I am exhausted - a state I usually find myself in. But this time I am more exhausted than usual. The cause, this time, was that last night I tootled over to Grimston to a Life Drawing class. I have always wanted to do this, and my expectation was to draw one superb and finished drawing, but to my surprise we had to do eleven fast sketches over the evening.

To begin with was the worrying fact that a complete stranger strides before you in a robe that he flings aside, then sits a yard or so away, completely naked. Well, I hid behind my easel for the first five minutes pretending it wasn't happening, too scared to peep. Eventually I emerged but found it all very discomfiting. I really didn't feel it at all polite to gaze so long and hard, especially at any dangly bits, so throughout the evening my sketches remained worryingly 'gender neutral'. Then, I could not get out of my head a video an evil friend had sent the night before, of a man dressed up as a Greek, complete with wig and a stone vase clutched in his arms, posing for an art class. Upon his lap was a bowl of marbles. All went well until a late student arrived - a very gorgeous girl with low cleavage, mini skirt and stockings and suspenders. The marbles went flying. What with one thing and another I felt hysteria rising and had to bite the insides of my cheeks to stop myself from giggling out loud.

We were allowed various time slots to do our sketches, ten minutes, five minutes, three minutes, two.... gosh, I was feeling so frustrated because to me, drawing is all about getting the likeness of the sitter. There were five of us sketching, and one was saying things like, "I don't wish to draw a photo-representation. I want to get the *feel* and the *emotions*...." and other such clap-trap that seems to go on within the art world.

Well, each to their own of course and it came as no surprise to me when glancing at the others' work to note, that to me, they looked nothing like the model. I didn't *feel* anything as I viewed them, except to *feel* that they looked a mess. Probably, if judged by those 'in the know', they would be deemed masterpieces, so I shouldn't be acerbic, but 'art talk' does get up my nose! What I do know is that I was getting so frustrated, as I wanted to get hands and feet right, the proportions right, get in the shadows and the shoulders, the lines and the form....and of course did no such thing because there wasn't time.

I was also keen to draw in the genitalia, but felt far too shy, so just did a couple of quick pencil strokes of 'representation'. Exhausting, yes, inspirational, yes, and despite all, I really enjoyed it. I now have another passion to consume me.

Know anyone who would be prepared to come and pose nude for me? I have central heating...

I took a break while the boiler man came to make repairs. As he is a very chatty man, I moved from his vicinity as I am not a chatty woman - despite my ability to write words like the tap won't turn off. I switched on the TV and sat engrossed in *Fawlty Towers*, giggling at the timeless humour of Basil Fawlty, and it reminded me very much of a similar cameo witnessed years ago when I was seventeen or so.

I'd been invited by my boyfriend's family to go on holiday to Cornwall, together with another neighbouring family who had a builder's Bedford van into which bench seats were shoved but not bolted down with eight of us squashed together for the long journey - no seatbelts in those days. Hours and hours of driving, the stench of petrol, the fumes, the tail backs of long queues, the hot weather - but it was fun. We had to make frequent stops as my boyfriend's mum suffered from colitis, but it was all par for the course.

Somewhere in sunny Devon, we stopped for a tea break. In those days if you wanted to set up a tea garden at your own home, you could, and garden tables were seen to be scattered over the close-cropped lawn of a bungalow, that looked very inviting. We piled out of the van, stretched our legs then, sat ourselves down at a couple of the tables covered with neatly embroidered tablecloths and waited until the jovial host scurried over with notepad and pencil. He joked and pranced and was very jolly. "He's just like Arthur Askey" said my 'dad in law' greatly impressed. And he was. Off he skipped with our order, and later back he came, balancing our large order on a huge tray. All laughter, jokes and witty banter, as he rushed from table to table. Lots of engorged cars drove up, doors opened, people spewed forth and flooded the front garden of the bungalow, while cream teas and bacon sandwiches flowed continually.

A toilet break, naturally enough, was required, and we were waved through the tiny home of the Arthur Askey look-alike. The bungalow overflowed with even more tables, and people sat tightly, scoffing scones and sipping tea from flowery cups. Paintwork was brown, wallpaper dull, as most homes were in those days, post war and still not a lot of money around. Dark, dingy rooms, narrow hallways and to find the toilet, we had to go through a miniscule, gloomy kitchen where the wife, with hunched shoulders of despair, was sobbing over the sink, her arms immersed in suds while large kettles hissed with steam. Arthur Askey shouted at her to pull herself together and get on with the orders, while she was up to her elbows washing the dirty crockery. Poor woman - she was having a breakdown, and I could imagine why. Completely rushed off her feet and working solo, her home completely taken over by hundreds of tourists and a jovial husband making everybody laugh, but her. We put our arms around the poor woman and made encouraging noises. But I have never forgotten her, her dark and dismal home, her despair and drooped shoulders, her cockerel of a husband and her sad little life, trying to make some money while the tourists were around, and she with no more energy or the will to live, yet still struggling on.

Not exactly Basil Fawty's story, but the similarity was there, for I had realised that while the man appeared jovial and fun to all and sundry, it was obvious he was not kind to his wife. Poor, poor lady. A sad little memory that I shall never forget

What a turn up for the books - I haven't mentioned animals so far, but sorry to disappoint, for I am about to, as my life is still somewhat overwhelmed with mine.

I had a mental meltdown over the state of my house - the two young pups had taken over my home and we were living in a dog's kennel/toilet. I snapped and went into a horrible dark place and banned the dogs from our living quarters. Poor things are now shoved in a room downstairs with access to an enclosure - I had a 6 ft. fence erected and I persuaded the puzzled fence-putter-upper to cut two small squares at dog height so that they can see out. Well - I wouldn't want to be incarcerated in a space and not see anything! It looks so cute when two little faces peep out of the holes... My house is back to a home again, I am no longer mopping up and weeping, and the dog's toilet habits are improving. No doubt they feel it's better for them when they 'go' outside instead of by their beds.

Rosie is doing well at puppy classes and I feel so proud of her, though she does poop in the car coming home - so I am still gnashing my teeth and my stomach doing somersaults of despair...but I do feel there is an improvement, if minor.

The kitten, Bonkers Conkers, is still as mad as a hatter and my arms, hands and legs are shredded. I recently made the mistake of wandering into the kitchen naked (no don't think about it - horrible sight) to put a cup in the sink, and Barnaby Conker-Brown took

that opportunity to jump up onto my shoulders, using his claws all the way up my back to gain purchase. I screeched more than just 'Ow'!

I've never known such a clumsy cat and wherever he races and jumps up anywhere, all my arty-farty bits and pieces go flying. (I'm talking about ornaments now.) I shall have to minimize my clutter if I wish to keep any of it in one piece. We are wondering if his unnaturally short tail has something to do with his balancing act, though I would have thought by now he would have compensated and got used to it. However, he does make me laugh, and once he has raced off his energy and settles down to purr around my neck, it's very comforting - though I can't relax totally, as he is prone to suddenly bite or scratch any vulnerable skin available. He is also keen to kill the parrots.



Well, that's it on the animal front. Onto dreams now. I do have some odd ones, very vivid and I had one the other night, where I was a Jewish man, trying to get my family ready to flee, presumably from Hitler's regime. We were in a dark room. Dark brown furniture, brown lino, and there were no lights on. It was night-time. I knew we had to hurry or be caught and arrested, just for being Jewish. I got the feeling it was the 1930's during May being Germany, or Poland. Our home was in a town. My wife was frightened and flustered and no help. There was an old lady, 'mother', though I wasn't aware of whose mother she was. She smelt bad (yes, I could smell her) and in my head was the word 'acidic'. She was refusing to leave the house. She was probably very ill and preferred to stay and die at home. I got the impression of two children, but they were not in the room with us. I knew we could not take much, maybe some coins, some jewels, but there was no time to sew them into clothing. I would take some bags of lentils for food.

I woke up, still feeling the fear of the man I had been, anguish and need for haste that I felt and my thoughts were still very much with the dream. Still sleepy, I was thinking that I could soak the lentils in water to sprout and we would get vitamins and protein, and if I could make a fire, could cook them. My thought processes continued.... Florence (my white dog) would have to be muddied all over so she didn't show up in the dark... I worried about Rosie and Barnaby too. I wasn't going to kill them or eat them - they would have to come with us.... but of course, they weren't in the original dream where I was someone else and I was muddling the present time and my own life with someone else more than eighty years ago.

Later on I Googled lentils to discover that they have been a staple diet for the Jewish race from Biblical times - apparently they are described in the Bible - and they are

particularly eaten when Jewish people are in mourning or grieving, so my 'random' thought about lentils was not stupid.

So, I ask myself, particularly as I have been giving a lot of past life regressions recently, was this a past life experience that has surfaced? I was born in 1939, and the dream was timed a few years before that - so I could have been that man. But somehow, I don't think it was. I often have dreams where I am other people and experience their emotions of fear. Yes, I know it sounds improbable, but it's true. I seem to be able to time-travel in my dreams, past and future, and be 'other people'. Somebody once suggested I am able to help people in this way by calming them...I'd like to think so, but it is a weird thought, isn't it...? but none of us know what we are capable of when we are asleep, what our SOUL is capable of - for clearly our bodies stay where they are. I don't expect anyone to believe me, but it intrigues me, and I wish I understood the whole!

Just back from the shops: The faint odour of Germaline wafted beneath my nostrils emanating from an elderly gentleman at the checkout. It's not a smell you notice these days - one of those old-fashioned cure-for-all, but a distinct aroma that you never forget.

As I stood awaiting my turn at the till, my memory whizzed me back over fifty years, to the time we had travelled to France. No posh hotels then, or rental of a gite. We had an old Commer van containing an ex-army tent, and enough supplies for all eventualities stacked away in the kitchen cupboard that was wedged behind the three front seats. (Yes, a kitchen cupboard!) Behind this, my small daughter was strapped into her trusty pram - you know, one of those high, big old prams with large wheels into which we mums placed our babies and put them outside in all weathers to 'harden up'.

Everything bar the kitchen sink was in the back of the van, and as we journeyed along with the sliding doors open and no seat belts (not invented yet) I had fallen asleep and had a rude awakening as I found myself falling out of the fast-moving vehicle. After I had, with difficulty, righted myself from my dice-with-death I realised my husband hadn't even noticed. Typical. But it was the strange smell that disturbed me more than that panicky moment. What was it, for goodness sake? I turned around to make sure my little darling was okay, and this vision of slimy pink beheld my eyes. I thought at first it was an alien, a small, smeared creature smothered from head to foot in thick pink slime. Then smell-recognition hit - I realised that my baby had managed to pull open the cabinet drawer and found the pot of Germaline, prised it open, and proceeded to cover herself. She looked frightful - and imagine how difficult it was to try and wipe it off her with no water or kitchen rolls available... As they say, you 'ave to larf...

So, there we are, my daily doings and memories until the next time. Enjoy a marvellous spring - we all need that sunshine! Mrs. D.□

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 15.ABERDEEN ANGUS 19.ALL IN GOOD TIME 23.POST MORTEM 25.MAKO 28.YOU-ALL 29.CAFFEINE 30.RHYTHM 31.AS SOON AS

Down

1.BROADS 2.ANGER 3.SONG 4.INSTEAD
 6.TRESS 7.RECTANGLE 8.SEEDLESS
 11.KNEE 14.REIN 15.AYLESBURY
 16.ELO 17.ACID 18.TAXPAYER 20.OGRE
 21.DEEJAYS 22.LOSERS 24.MULCH
 26.ALIEN 27.AFRO

Word Wall Answers

Flying: Doctor ,Boat, Buttress, Officer
Crows: Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Raven
Chess Pieces: Bishop, Knight, King, Castle
Sea Battles: Armada, Falklands, Midway, Trafalgar.

Sudoku Answers

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



The Dersingham Walking Group

As I write these notes and glance out of the window it's hard for me to imagine that when you read this issue of Village Voice the hedgerows will be green, the birds will be singing, and spring should most definitely be in the air. As I write, the ground is white with snow and there are a few flakes swirling in the wind. It's a cold wind too, straight from Siberia so they say. A time to hunker down and dream of the walks that we might do when the weather is a little more kind!

Those walks that I'm dreaming of will become reality over the next few weeks, during the months of April and May, which are probably my two favourites of the year. Both our April walks are Snettisham starts, with the first one exploring the coastal side of the village, beginning at the Ken Hill woods car park. Later in April we will be heading from Snettisham to Sedgeford and back via Inmere, a highly recommended ramble.

I must have drawn the short straw in May, as Margaret and I are leading both that month's walks, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The afternoon one is a chance to walk some of the many permissive footpaths so generously provided at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead, while later that month we will have an evening amble around the Houghton Hall estate which is always worth a visit.

Full details of all these walks are below, including the National Grid reference if you're not sure about the exact start point. There's a useful website at gridreferencefinder.com where you can enter the grid reference that is quoted in our walk details and it will display the location on a map. Just bear in mind that the six figure references that we give are only accurate to a hundred metres or so. But it's usually fairly obvious where the actual start point is. Or you can phone the leader of the particular walk to get more information.

There is no cost involved with Dersingham Walking Group walks, just turn up with your boots on. Dogs are welcome on most walks, provided they are well behaved and tolerant of other dogs. The leader of the walk will do his or her best to look after you, of course, but it is a condition of coming on a walk that you take responsibility for your own safety. As that great hiker Alfred Wainwright said "watch where you put your feet!"

Stephen Martyn

Our next few walks

Wednesday 11th April 2.00pm

A Snettisham walk starting from the Ken Hill car park just off Beach Rd. 4.5 miles.

Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638.

Start point grid ref: TF 671 335.

Wednesday 25th April 2.00pm

There's a lovely country footpath from Snettisham to Sedgeford and we shall explore it on this circular walk via Inmere. Meet at St Mary's church Snettisham. 4.5 miles.

Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757. Start point grid ref: TF 689 342.

Wednesday 9th May 2.00pm

Courtyard Farm abounds with wild flowers at this time of the year. Enjoy them as we walk round some of the farm's many permissive paths. Meet at



the car park on the road from Ringstead to Choseley. 4 miles.
Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.
Start point grid ref: TF 721 405.

Wednesday 23rd May 6.30pm

An evening roam around the fields, woods and footpaths of the Houghton Estate. Meet at the car park opposite West Lodge, Houghton. 4 miles.
Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.
Start point grid ref: TF 777 289.

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