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Editor's Notes

Jo Halpin Jones



It seems to have been a busy two months since our last edition, with everywhere opening up after so long, and then all the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee. Dersingham celebrated in style, with a whole raft of events taking place and flags and bunting adorning many buildings around the village. We were lucky with the weather for three days, but paid the price on the final Sunday with the Big Lunch and cricket being cancelled (though both have now been rescheduled – see details inside).

The Village Centre acted as a focal point throughout the weekend, hosting many events. In the Hub was a superb collage of the Queen's life created by Wendy Snell, which takes pride of place on our front cover. Throughout the magazine you will find out how various organisations celebrated the Jubilee and there are photographs of the main events: from beacon lighting to dog shows, from afternoon tea for the over 70s to a Jubilee Jamboree party in the Centre.

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Ann Saunders, who died after a short illness in early June. She was involved in so many village activities and touched the lives of so many people with her kindness, humour and boundless energy. She is greatly missed. You will find a tribute to her inside.

Also in this edition of Village Voice you are reminded of Dersingham Open Gardens and Studios which takes place in early September (yes, the artists are back again as a formal part of this event). There is a feature on June Mullarkey who this year celebrates fifty years of running Dersingham Pottery. We hear from Brian Anderson on how the Holly Blue butterfly has been doing, from the Dersingham United Charity about conservation accomplishments on the Fen, and enjoy Elizabeth Fiddick's latest piece of Dersingham history. Village organisations keep in touch with updates with what has been going on and their plans for the future, all of which are gratefully received.

I have just come back from my gentle Pilates and exercise class (takes place sitting down) in the Methodist Chapel Church Hall. I can certainly recommend this as a way to loosen up those creaking joints and to generally feel more energised!!

This is also an opportunity to thank all our advertisers, without whom we could not continue. We hope you are able to use their services and do mention that you saw their advertisement in Village Voice!!

The flower beds outside the Village Centre are looking absolutely stunning right now. Our thanks go to the DVCA volunteers who do such an amazing job of maintaining the gardens around the building. □





Dear Village Voice



Open Letter from Cllr Collingham – Royal Dersingham or Deadly Dersingham?

A lovely midsummer day, which compensates for the bad news and challenges of the times in which we find ourselves.

How beautiful the village looks in the early summer sunshine as the effort people have made to present their homes and gardens is rewarded by the weather. And it is this theme of the beauty of our village and our aspiration for it that I wish to explore.

How do we perceive ourselves? A retirement village? A community of old people? Or a village for all ages with facilities to match and an aspiration to share it with others?

In terms of tourism, Dersingham and surrounding villages are ideal locations for a staycation, with their proximity to Sandringham and other country houses and also of course the beach and coast. However, the closure of Ashdene House means that the number of accommodation nights available is reduced.

You who live here don't need me to tell you how lovely it is to have a home here with a good bus service, a good supermarket and wonderful countryside all around. That is why I, amongst others, am challenging the location of Thornalleys in the heart of our village. What image will that send to those planning a visit? What abiding impression of how we perceive ourselves and our ambitions for the wider community does this imply?

We have so much going on of a positive nature: our Village Centre provides almost limitless opportunities for entertainment, learning, social interaction and activity. This is not a village for those giving up on life and living. It is for people of all ages to enjoy.

I welcome your comments on this important issue for Dersingham in particular and for the surrounding communities in general.

Best wishes to all readers.□

Judy Collingham



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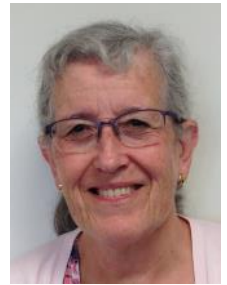
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Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Coral Shepherd



For those of you who haven't already heard, our Clerk, Sarah Bristow has now left the employment of Dersingham Parish Council and we all wish her well in her future endeavours. This means that we are now in the process of appointing a locum to cover the work until we can make a permanent appointment. In the meantime, if anyone has any queries about Parish Council business, please contact our Communications Officer, Geraldine Scanlon. The office phone number remains 01485 541465, email geraldine@dersingham.org.uk and she is also available in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (please note amended opening hours) between 10am and 1pm.

The events held in the village for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend were a great success and enjoyed by all. I would like to thank all of the groups who participated and put on events; their hard work in making it such a special weekend is very much appreciated. Also, many thanks to everyone who attended the events. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I was overwhelmed by the large attendance at the beacon lighting and thrilled that the Platinum afternoon tea party was "sold out" and enjoyed by all.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the village over the weekend and I am sorry that the weather intervened with heavy overnight rain leading to the cancellation of the Cricket Festival and Big Lunch. Both have now been reorganised and the Cricket Festival will take place on Sunday 31st July and the Big Lunch on Saturday 27th August. A special thank you to our editor for taking the photos of the Jubilee events. The success of all of the events that took place to celebrate this once in a lifetime Jubilee made everyone's hard work worthwhile.

A reminder to everyone that the Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and as Councillors we are your elected representatives and our role is to represent the views of all residents in Dersingham, to listen to and understand your views and needs, and to identify issues. It is part of our role to make policies to govern the way we work, to bring about improvements through local projects, such as building the Village Centre and skatepark and providing new defibrillators, lobby other service providers and vote to make decisions.

We are responsible for managing the money raised through the precept (part of your Council Tax bill). The services we provide include streetlights away from the main roads, grass cutting (some is carried out by the Borough Council), dog waste bins, looking after the recreation ground and The Warren and providing a website. We own the Social Club building (Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Hall) and the Village Centre, and we also lease the Sports Ground. Our work is mainly carried out in committees – Environment, Finance and Administration, Communications, Planning and Staffing.

Our meetings are usually monthly, and our full complement of Councillors should be eighteen, although we currently have fourteen. If you are interested in our work and want to make a difference to the village by joining us, please email myself (coral.shepherd@dersingham.org.uk) or our Communications Officer, Geraldine Scanlon (geraldine@dersingham.org.uk). Alternatively, if you have any issues that you would like us to look at, please contact us via the office at the Village Centre. □



News from Dersingham Village Centre

Sue Payne, DVCA Chairman

Activities & Events

The Platinum Jubilee: What a fabulous holiday weekend we had in Dersingham, and we were pleased to see the Centre used for so many activities, starting on Thursday June 2nd with the Tapping House coffee morning, the film show and beacon lighting. Then, on the Friday, the Parish Council hosted an afternoon tea for the over 70s. Events at the Centre culminated on Saturday June 4th with the Jubilee Jamboree. All were well supported and enjoyed by those who attended.

A thank you from Vanessa Blythe for the Jubilee Coffee Shop:

The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House Dersingham Volunteers wish to thank everyone who attended and supported our Jubilee Coffee Shop in support of the Hospice on 2nd June. It was wonderful to have so many people to serve. It was almost 'standing room only' in the Hub and Garden Room!

Our cupcakes sold like 'hot cakes' and we are delighted with the total raised - over £500. Our thanks go to Dersingham Village Centre for the opportunity. We look forward to welcoming you at our monthly Coffee Shop at the Centre on the first Thursday of the month, 10am-12.00, to continue to support the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House.

These events can only take place with support from volunteers, whether it's planning, marketing, making and putting up decorations, cooking, baking, serving food, clearing and cleaning up.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Jubilee events so successful.

Open Gardens and Studios: Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th September. Tickets will be available from the Centre on each day and refreshments will be served.

Friendship Lunch: Numbers have fallen since the New Year, so we have taken the decision to have a complete break in August, then resume in September, **once** a month on the **first Tuesday**. The next lunch, therefore, will be on **September 2nd**. Booking is required, so call 01485 540644 by noon on the Friday beforehand, and also advise us of any dietary needs.

Village Cinema: We enjoyed a lovely evening with strawberries and cream and Pimms for the June film, *King Richard*. The August film show is *Belfast*; September's will be *The Phantom of the Open*. Watch this space for news on the November film and please read the posters on the back cover for more information.

Village Voice Live: The current season of talks finished in July.

Village Centre Lottery: May winners were numbers 11, 42 and 12, winning £23.25, £15.50 and £7.75 respectively. June winners were numbers 31, 72 and 60, winning £24.75, £16.50 and £8.25. July winners were numbers 63, 31 and 70, winning £24.75, £16.50 and £8.25.

Keep updated by checking notices at the Centre and around Dersingham and visit our website - www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk where you can sign up for the regular newsletters. We have a Facebook page and also post on the Dersingham Village Facebook Group.

If you have any questions about the Centre, its activities or bookings, call our landline 01485 543195. An answerphone is in use so please leave a message with contact details, and someone will get back to you.

Best wishes from all at the Centre.□

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In Celebration of Ann Saunders 1945 – 2022

Ann touched the lives of so many people, which was reflected by the huge attendance at her funeral. Family, friends, colleagues and those she had helped came from far and wide. We heard of Ann's amazing enthusiasm for life and of all the activities she became involved with. But family was also all important. Ann came from a large family and following marriage to Rodney had three children, and then six grandchildren; Ann was always very family oriented and involved in a multitude of family gatherings. But somehow she found time for so much else.



For many years Ann was a Dersingham guide leader and is fondly remembered by generations of girls as "Chippy". She was one of the founders of the Dersingham Day Centre for older people and volunteered there for forty-one years, joining in activities with members, putting on silly hats at parties, helping out with meals, supporting everyone who needed a shoulder to lean on. That was Ann. She gave time and energy to everything she became involved with.

Ann could be found at Dersingham Library playing Scrabble or



knitting and nattering, travelling around the country to line dancing events (a great passion of hers), relaxing with yoga, attending keep fit and ballet classes, joining local choirs, travelling abroad and taking cruises. The list seems endless. In between all that Ann helped arrange flowers in the church, was a long-term member of the WI, helped to deliver our Village Voice and over the years participated in countless Dersingham events. She was a true "pillar of the community", but it was done with great exuberance, a wonderful sense of humour and a ready smile. She never missed an opportunity to dress up in crazy costumes at various events, much to the delight of all.



As you will see from various tributes in the magazine, Ann will be missed by so many people. No longer shall we see her bustling about the village, offering a cheery wave as she hurries on her way. Safe journey.□

At the Day Centre.



SATURDAY 6th AUGUST	B.B.Q. – 3.00 p.m. - £10 pp including dessert. To book please email Dorothy at anmerchair44@gmail.com by Monday 1 st August
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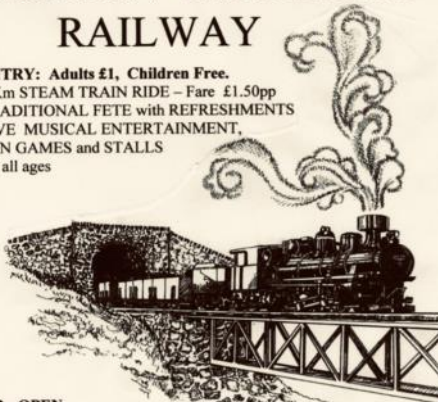


the memories linger on ...

On Sunday, the **31st of July**, starting at 10am, we will hold a **60th Anniversary** event to mark the closure of this former RAF station. In addition to the **RAF Heritage Centre**, you will enjoy exhibits by **Tony Nelson**, with his model air force, plus **Docking Heritage Group** and **Dreamy Hollow Woodland Campsite** and **WWI Trenches**. Refreshments will also be available.

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Sandringham Parish Council

As with most Parish Councils, we are emerging from the dark days of lockdowns and only meeting virtually. Much parish business has been on hold for some time and on 11th May at Wolferton Social Club the Council met for its Annual General Meeting.

The Council is authorised to have seven Councillors but there have been long-standing vacancies which makes it more difficult for it to function properly. Councillor Stephen Thompson was elected Chairman and thanked his predecessor, Tony Bubb. Councillor Philip Woodhouse tendered his resignation as he and Kathy prepare to move away from the parish in preparation for his retirement. The Council would wish to place on record their thanks to Philip for his work and commitment during the considerable number of years that he has been a Councillor, and wish them both a happy and healthy forthcoming retirement.

One of the main projects the Council has been engaged on has been the restoration of the Butlers Cross monument at Babingley. This is a stone cross located at the junction of the A149 and B1439 West Newton Road. The remains of the mediaeval village of Babingley – once a thriving settlement – and the more recent St Felix Church, lie about 1km to the west. The Cross also dates from mediaeval times and marked the boundary of the Rising Chase and is certainly shown on a map of the Chase dated 1588. The name derives from the d'Boteliers family, who held the Manor of Castle Rising from the thirteenth century. That was the same name of William the Conqueror's chief of staff at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, but whether there is a link back that far is unproven. It was reported that plans for the restoration of the Cross had been drawn up and agreed by the Sandringham Estate and have now been submitted to Historic England for its approval and consideration of a request for a grant to part-fund the works.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 10th August at 7pm at the Wolferton Social Club. All residents of West Newton, Wolferton, Babingley and Sandringham are welcome to attend.

Retirement of the Revd Jonathan Riviere

Reverend, Canon Jonathan Riviere preached at his final service at St Peter's, Wolferton on Sunday 19th June to a congregation of over ninety. This was followed by refreshments served in the Church, including a retirement cake which Jonathan cut and distributed. Thank you to all who helped with them. We wish Jonathan and Clare our very best wishes for their future.

Jonathan's replacement has been announced as the Reverend Canon Paul Williams who comes to the Sandringham group of Churches from Tewkesbury Abbey and will be welcomed to his new post in September.

Wolferton plant sale

On Saturday 21st May, Wolferton and West Newton PCCs joined for a most successful plant sale, raising nearly £2000 in aid of church funds. The weather was kind and we enjoyed visitors from near and far. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Wolferton Platinum Jubilee village BBQ

Friday 3rd June saw an excellent turnout for our Jubilee Festival celebration. Those who came along enjoyed barbecue food, a splendid array of desserts and drink in fine weather. Conviviality, in a red, white and blue theme, reigned throughout. Proceedings were enthusiastically concluded with a grand raffle and lusty rendition of the National Anthem. It was a thoroughly memorable day for villagers and members from further afield, young and old. Thanks so much to all those who made it such a special day; the building and beer garden have never looked better.



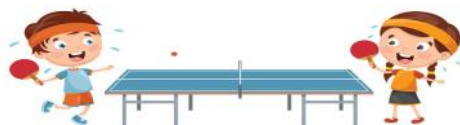
Wolferton Social Club – future events

Prize Bingo: August 16th Doors open 6.30 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
 September 20th Doors open 6.30 pm, eyes down 7.30 pm
Cash Bingo is back:
 August 7th Doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 8.00 pm
 September 4th Doors open 7.00 pm, eyes down 8.00 pm

Contact details for the Parish Council's new Chairman, Stephen
Thompson: Email: stephen@ironindustries.co.uk. Mobile: 07956 638313.

Table Tennis for Fun

Join us in Dersingham Social Club on most Monday afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at a cost of £1 per session for a game of table tennis. There is no age or gender discrimination, and although some of the ladies can be very competitive there is a lot of laughter. We mostly play doubles to win and even the gentlemen have been known to exchange information (gossip) between games. For any further information please contact John Hunter on 01485 542103 or the Social Club. □



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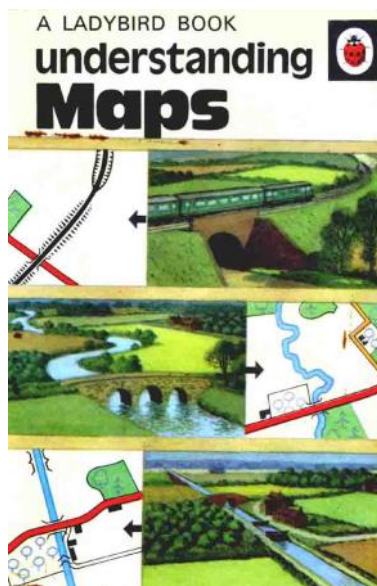
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Dersingham Walking Group

Tony Bubb

We have enjoyed a good variety of routes recently with our visit to the Wetlands Project at Ingoldisthorpe well appreciated. Our walks last about two hours including a short break and generally cover about four miles or so. The start points all are identified with a grid reference. For those of you who missed this part of your education I can recommend Ladybird's *Understanding Maps*. Not just for kids, these were issued to the army as a training aid.



Our next walks are:

Wednesday July 27, 2.00pm

A walk by the River Great Ouse and through some of the surprisingly remote countryside north of Lynn. About four miles. Start point on Cross Bank Road, TF614210. Leader Tony Bubb 01485 542638.

Wednesday August 10, 2.00pm

Starting from Castle Rising we will explore some of the footpaths that lie across the fields around the village. Walkers will need to cross the A149 on part of this route. Start point the Unique car park in the centre of Castle Rising, TF 667 347. Leader Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.

Wednesday August 24, 2.00pm

Footpaths, lanes and farm tracks make up this circuit starting from East Rudham village green. Start point near The Crown pub on the village green, TF 827 281. About five miles. Leader Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.

Wednesday September 14, 2.00pm

A coastal walk along part of the Norfolk coast path towards Holme. Start point All Saints church Thornham, TF 733 434. About 4.5 miles. Leader Stephen Martyn 01485 541333.

Wednesday September 28, 2.00pm

One of our fairly regular visits to the delightful and extensive field-edge footpaths of Courtyard Farm, near Ringstead, postponed from earlier in the year as it was raining. Start from the car park on the left of the Ringstead to Burnham road about 0.7 miles east of Ringstead, TF722405. Leader Tony Bubb 01485 542638.

All our planned walks will appear here in Village Voice and can also be found on our page on the Parish Council website and in the Calendar on that website. Our page is at www.dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup

Joining the walking group is a great way to meet some of your fellow villagers and to explore the local area. You'll probably discover footpaths that you never knew existed and maybe views that will give you a fresh appreciation of the local landscape. So, if you haven't walked with the group before why not join us for an amble through our wonderful countryside. Most of our walks are between four and five miles long and take around two hours, with a rest stop at some point. There is no cost involved, just turn up with your boots on. Dogs are welcome on most walks, provided they are well behaved and tolerant of other dogs. The leader of the walk will do their best to look after you.

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

Group coordinator: **Tony Bubbs** Tel: 01485 542638. Email: frostytrees@btinternet.com□

Dersingham and Heacham Lady Knitters

Mrs J Garwood would like to thank the ladies of Dersingham and Heacham Lady Knitters, for buying balls of wool which were then used to create these wonderful garments. They raised £265.00 for the Dementia Care Appeal, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.□



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Focus on the Holly Blue *Celastrina argiolus*

Brian Anderson

This is the seventh in an occasional series on common British butterflies. The Holly Blue is unusual in some respects from the other blue species we have. It is always the first to emerge in the spring (sometimes as early as March). It is more commonly found in gardens than the other blues. It flies about a metre or two above ground rather than near ground level. Unlike most of the others it does not have leguminous larval foodplants such as Bird's-foot trefoil and various vetches. It is the only British blue that makes a distinct change in larval foodplant between the spring and summer broods. At rest it is easily distinguished from our other Norfolk blues because of the simple black dotting on the ventral surface - there is none of the complex patterning of black, silver and orange of the other blues.

The Holly Blue was first recorded by Ray in 1710 and by Petiver in 1717 as The Blue Spekt Butterfly. It was known as the Azure Blue by Harris in 1775 and as the Wood Blue by Lewin in 1795. The name Holly Blue occurs first with Morris in 1853. Linnaeus coined the scientific name *argiolus* in 1758 with the generic name *Papilio*. But then Linnaeus put all butterflies in that genus, which is today confined to Swallowtails.

The Holly Blue is widespread throughout most of Europe and Asia, divided more or less geographically into four groups covering fourteen subspecies. The range of foodplants outside Britain is quite extensive and includes Euonymus, Buckthorn, False Acacia, Whins and Greenweeds, Broom, Wild Liquorice, Bramble, Heather and Pear. In Britain the spring brood females lay on Holly, although Dogwood, Spindle, Snowberry and Gorse are occasionally used. Occasionally females lay eggs on *Pyracantha* (Firethorn) but these attempts always seem to fail. The caterpillars feed on flower buds, young fruit and leaf buds. They, in common with other blues, are often attended by ants who "milk" them for sweet secretions and provide a measure of protection against predators. It then pupates in a crevice in the bark of the host plant. The second brood emerges from mid-June onward, and the females lay on flower buds only of Ivy. The caterpillars feed up until the autumn and then pupate on the Ivy stem in the same manner as the spring brood.

Holly Blues take nectar from flowers infrequently, preferring to imbibe aphid honeydew or tree resin, especially Birch. That being said, this is the only species of butterfly that I have seen taking nectar from Snowberry flowers. This may have been a female taking an opportunistic feed while searching for egg-laying sites.



Holly Blue female



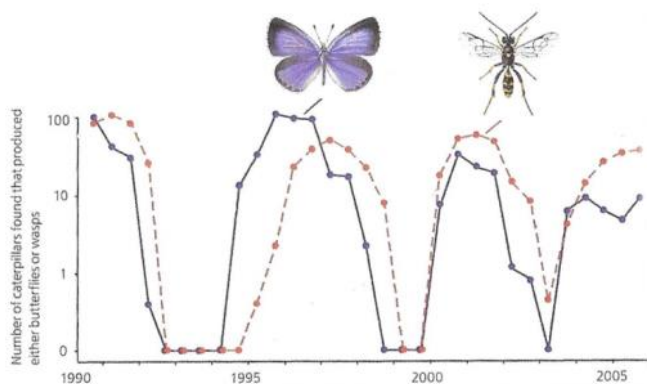
Holly Blue male

I normally provide images of similar butterflies as comparisons. I have not done so in this case as blue butterfly species are very similar on the top (dorsal) wing surfaces. The blue that you see is not a pigment but the result of optical interference from the microscopic structure of the wing scales (I wrote an article on this subject in Village Voice 89 in 2014). This is not to say there is *no* pigment on the dorsal surface. Many blue species have pigment that is visible only in the ultraviolet, which we cannot see but many insects can and may play a part in predator avoidance or mating.



Holly Blue underside

The Holly Blue is subject to periodic collapses in abundance. Careful investigation has shown that this is due to a parasitic wasp *Listrodomus nyctemerus* which lays its eggs into the caterpillar and the resulting grubs then consume the living caterpillar from the inside with the wasp emerging from the pupa later. The fortunes of the butterfly and the wasp are cyclical. As the wasp population rises, the butterfly population decreases until it reaches a point where the wasp population cannot be supported and the roles are reversed. In engineering-speak, the populations are said to be (approximately) in antiphase. The chart shows the abundance of the



butterfly and its parasite in Bedfordshire between 1990 and 2005, as recorded meticulously by Richard Revels. Every year I attempt to predict the abundance of the Holly Blue for the succeeding year...and nearly every year I have been wrong.

The Holly Blue is one butterfly that has done well in Britain over the last half century or so. The oldest field guide I have that

contains distribution maps is dated 1937 and shows the Holly Blue distribution extending no further north than the Midlands. The modern maps show a more or less continuous distribution (excluding high altitude) right up to the Scottish border. Not only that, the abundance within its range has also increased.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Glen Hughes who died last autumn but whose passing I learned of fairly recently. He and I used to exchange information on butterflies over his front garden fence when I visited Dersingham News in the mornings. He provided the first formal sighting of a Green Hairstreak in the village. He always managed to see House Martin, Swallow and Swift arrivals before I did and was lucky enough to see a Camberwell Beauty at Wolferton, a species I have never seen in Britain. I miss our chats. □

Dersingham Pottery's 50th Anniversary



In July June Mullarkey celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of her pottery in Chapel Road. Over the years she has built up a reputation which has spread far and wide, making ceramics for local people, visitors from the UK and abroad, and several royal customers!

June grew up in the Fens, and attended a convent school in Wisbech. She then went to teacher training college and became an infant teacher, specialising in ceramics. Having married Ben whilst at college, they moved to Dersingham in 1971. The following year the Pottery was opened in the building next to the house, with Ben having done the conversion work.

In the showroom you will see the range of styles that June has developed over the years. She says she gets her inspiration from many sources, often from the countryside around her, from frequent visits to Dartmoor near which her daughter lives, from fossils (for which she has a fascination) and has been strongly influenced by oriental ceramics and glazes. She has visited Japan and you can see the impact of this in much of her work. June is always experimenting with new colours, shapes, glazes, and items. She has recently been trying out a "painterly" approach, as in some pieces in the photo below. You can see an example of one of June's commissions in The Hub of the Village Centre, where she made a wall of tiles commemorating each of the donations made to support the new Centre.

Ever since the opening of the Pottery, June has put on an exhibition during the King's Lynn Festival. She is a member of the West Norfolk Artists Association and Anglian Potters and has also joined in their exhibitions over the years. She also opens up her garden during Dersingham Open Gardens, which this year also includes local artists opening their studios, amongst them, the Pottery. This is a chance to see their glorious garden in which Ben has nurtured a magnificent display of dahlias in a rainbow of colours. In the Pottery you can also see some of Ben's work – very striking paintings in acrylic on canvas.



In an age of chain stores and mass-produced consumer goods, we are very lucky to have a true craftsperson in our village.□



Dersingham Guide and Scout members celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

Lynne Wheeler, on behalf of all Scout and Guide Leaders

On Thursday 2nd June, the first day of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday, sixty to seventy members of the Dersingham Scouts and Guides, plus their Leaders, celebrated with a party at their Headquarters.



Prior to the day, we had organised a competition to design a Dersingham Platinum Jubilee badge; the winning design from Brownie Alexa Tuddenham was produced and Alexa received her certificate and prize on the day. All members will now receive the badge. After the presentation, and a group photograph, the afternoon began with the cutting of a special "70" cake. The Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts then played a series of team games before enjoying craft activities, including decorating a commemorative mug, a picnic and a singsong. The afternoon ended with each section renewing their Promises.



On Sunday 5th June representatives of all sections assembled at the Village Centre to walk to St Nicholas Church for a Jubilee Service. The parade was led by the Union Flag and included the Scout & Guide Standards. All members and Leaders wore a special purple Jubilee necker in honour of the occasion. Guides and Scouts participated in the Service by reading the two lessons and helping with the singing, as well as leading the prayers. □

Making Gardening Easier May Davey

Our July 15th meeting was a private outing for Members to a Member's garden. On August 19th Jo Munson will talk about tulips at Dersingham Village Centre.


*** But on **September 16th** we are going by coach to **Barnsdale Gardens at Oakham**, made famous by Geoff Hamilton. We hope to fill our coach with Members and friends. **Do join us!** (Please see the details on the poster below)



For our May meeting, NAFAS flower arranger Joanne Randall gave an excellent demonstration and talk about suitable plants for flower arranging. And on June 19th we had our Annual Flower Show at the Centre with a special category of Jubilee flowers. As usual, our members provided a colourful display and enjoyed a cream tea.

At our AGM in March our present committee of four was re-elected. Other Members were invited to join the committee to lighten their load. We have a healthy financial balance and are still able to subsidize outings. Marianne Charles gave an interesting talk with illustrations and sample plants about "Perennials for the shade."

New members are always welcome. We meet at 2.00 pm on the third Friday of the month at the Dersingham Village Centre, unless an outing has been arranged. Entrance costs £3.00 for tea and a raffle ticket. The annual subscription is £12.00, payable in January 2022. ***Come and see how you like us.*** □

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Boots Pharmacy Councillor Judy Collingham

It was a great pleasure to meet with the manager of Boots Pharmacy in Dersingham who has been under considerable strain over the past few weeks. I am aware that there has been criticism of the way the pharmacy has operated, and I wanted to learn for myself what were the challenges they were facing and offer a few observations.

It would seem that the long queues and waits experienced were due to a perfect storm of factors: seven out of the nine staff were out of action for Covid and other reasons. Attempts to post on Facebook a weekly schedule of opening hours were met with a tirade of abuse and criticism. Not helpful, and I am personally appalled at anyone who would use social media to post vitriolic comments.

A few facts: pharmacists are in short supply and the one at Boots Dersingham has to cover the pharmacy in Heacham from time to time. If there is no pharmacist, Boots is not allowed to dispense prescriptions. Government grants to pharmacies have not changed in over three years, in spite of rising costs. Drugs which used to come over from EU countries with comparative simplicity are now, since Brexit, more expensive and slower to arrive. Covid regulations such as social distancing and mask wearing were still applying in pharmacies, hence at one time there were long queues out in inclement weather. At the height of the post pandemic period the pharmacy was endeavouring to process 600 prescriptions a day, rising to 2,500 at the peak of the backlog. Due to surgery closure over holiday periods the pharmacy has to triage (ie treat and identify health issues) folk who are unable to get treatment either from the doctor or 111 referrals. The waiting lists at hospitals have had the effect of more people being medicated to manage their discomfort, such as those waiting for hip, knee or shoulder replacement surgery.

I did make the point that it is sometimes an irritation to see so many people in the back whilst the front desk is hardly manned; however, this would mean removing staff from processing prescriptions so might not be productive.

My observation is that things have dramatically improved and waiting times at the pharmacy reduced. I hope this improvement will continue and that we can all go back to having confidence in our chemist and gratitude that we have Boots in the village. My first question to the manager was whether there were any plans to close the pharmacy, to which I received a firm assurance that there were no such plans. Let's be thankful for that for the moment.□



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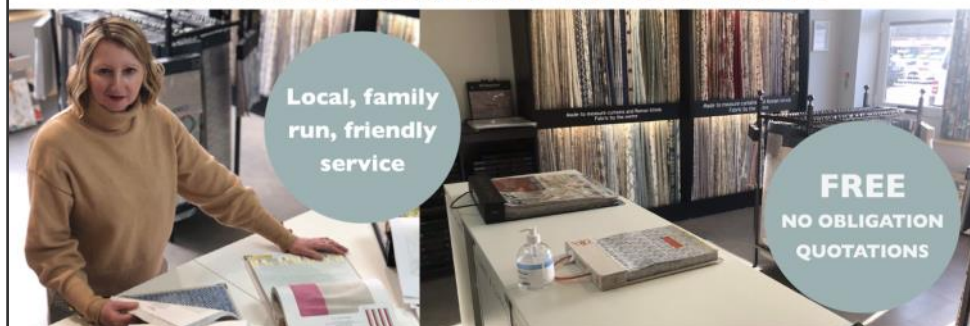
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Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th September

Dersingham Open Gardens will be taking place in the autumn again this year, following on from the success of last year's new timing. As an added bonus, local artists are rejoining the event, with eleven artists opening up their studios and most of them also opening their gardens.

In September many gardens are reaching a peak of colour and development, with dahlias filling beds and pots with outstanding blossoms; colourful cosmos continuing to delight with nodding heads swaying in the breeze; and many annuals now having filled out those earlier gaps.

See opposite for details of the day. There is free parking at the Village Centre, or you may wish to use your car as the village is quite spread out. But do return to the Centre for refreshments!

Front gardens

It has been noticed that there are many striking front gardens in Dersingham, and it was decided to try to highlight these. As you will see from the poster on this page, we would like to produce a list of these front gardens to be handed out with the Open Gardens and Studios ticket brochure.

Visitors can then take a peek from the pavement to enjoy these efforts. If you would like to participate, please contact Judy Collingham by email: jcairnscol@gmail.com or ring 01485 540271.□



SPOTLIGHT ON FRONT GARDENS (Part of Dersingham Open Gardens & Studios)

Do you have a front garden that stands out in some way? It might be a bit *weird* and *wacky*, have a Platinum Jubilee theme, or may be just very *wonderful*.

There are many such front gardens in the village and we'd like to draw visitors' attention to these whilst they are touring the village to enjoy the annual Dersingham Open Gardens and Studios event on September 3rd and 4th.

We'd like to produce a list of these front gardens to hand out when people buy their main Open Gardens and Studios programme. Visitors would not be entering your garden, but will be able to view it from the road or path outside, so you don't need to "play host" - unless you want to!!

If you would like to participate, please contact Judy Collingham by email: jcairnscol@gmail.com or by phone: 01485 540271. Deadline August 1st.



The Ralph Family - Photographers

By Elizabeth Fiddick, with research by Mike Strange

Just four miles inland from the lovely coastal town of Aldeburgh is the pretty village of Friston. It is bounded on the south by the River Alde and boasts a lovely 14th century church, St. Mary the Virgin, and a Post Mill built in 1812, said to be the tallest in the country. The land is mainly arable. In 2011 its population was around 350. This number has hardly changed, for in 1846 it was 345 and by 1850 had only risen to 400. It was here in 1836 that John Ralph, an agricultural labourer, who was born there in 1812, and his wife Matilda celebrated the birth of their son Frederick William. Frederick spent a happy childhood in the village and in his twenties he married Sarah Scarlet. In 1865 a daughter Louise Matilda was born, followed in 1866 by Alice Rhoda.



St Mary the Virgin, Friston, Suffolk

Frederick, it seems, did not follow in his father's footsteps to work on the land for he moved his family to London sometime after 1865 and is listed there in the 1871 census as a Domestic Servant living with his wife and daughters. A third daughter Edith Sarah was born in Mayfair in 1869 and Amelia Ellen followed in 1870. Sadly, Amelia Ellen died just over a year later in 1872. To add to their sadness, Frederick's mother Matilda also passed away that same year, leaving his father a widower alone in Friston. Shortly after those sad events Frederick made the significant move from London to settle in Dersingham. As I have already mentioned, he was recorded as a Domestic Servant while in London and it seems he had been employed by the Royal Family, for he is now recorded as an Usher in the Servants' Hall at Sandringham, a post he was to hold for the next four decades, first under Queen Victoria and then King Edward.

The Servants' Hall is a common room for all the domestic servants in a great house. It includes the dining room which often doubled as the place where they could spend their leisure. The butler and the housekeeper presided over all the other servants, but clearly the usher held an important role in the hierarchy. I have not yet found a list of the duties he would be expected to perform but an usher is often charged with maintaining order, ensuring all duties are carried out and sometimes organizing events. So perhaps these are some of the duties Frederick carried out.

Soon after he came here Frederick set up his family home in the cottage at the top of Heath Road known then as Victoria Cottage, but now as Heath View. A son, Frederick William was born here in 1872 but it would seem Frederick Senior had to follow the Royal Household when it moved, as Walter Edwin, the second son, was born in Mayfair in 1874. They were in Dersingham again in 1877 when Mabel Victoria was born, but once again in London when Honoria Beatrice May, their last child, came along in 1879. In 1881 we find Frederick in Marylebone recorded as Usher in Servants' Hall living with his wife and their youngest child, Honoria just one year old. The rest of the family were all living in Dersingham with Frederick's father, John, in a cottage described as "near Sandpit Cottages". Sandpit Cottages is the house that stands immediately after the roundabout as you enter the village from Lynn, so it seems more than likely the family were living in Victoria Cottage, Heath Road and that Frederick, aged nine and Walter aged seven, and maybe even Mabel aged four would have been attending the recently built village school under head teacher Alfred Firth. John Ralph, their grandfather, came

here from Friston sometime between 1872 and 1881. He died here in 1886 and is buried in the churchyard.

So, Frederick Senior lived a very busy life as an usher, moving with the Royal Household whenever needed. Fortunately for us, as a young man Frederick had become fascinated by the new marvel of the age - photography - which had progressed rapidly from the early Daguerreotypes through to the glass plates method. At first it was very expensive to have a photograph taken but new developments meant it became more affordable so that most families could afford to have family portraits taken - like this of one of my relatives - and outside events and places were frequently recorded.



The long exposure times meant you had to sit completely still for quite some time, and it was not considered seemly to smile as that was how drunks and fools were always portrayed. No one wished to be captured for eternity with a silly smile on their face, so the photographer would ask a subject to say "prunes" to obtain the tightly controlled mouth then considered beautiful.



An early camera

Frederick quickly mastered the techniques and became a very accomplished photographer, so much so that eventually it became a business that he combined with his duties as usher. Princess Alexandra, the Princess of Wales, also became absorbed by photography and Frederick claimed in an interview in 1902 that he had taught the Princess to take and process her own photos so that the Princess was soon taking her Kodak camera everywhere.

When Frederick Ralph Junior left school he also became a photographer and set up business in Dersingham. He called it The Cameo Studio. On the outside of Victoria Cottage was a name plaque which showed the head of Queen Victoria in cameo form. The present owner has preserved it in her porch extension.

In 1891 we find Frederick living with his father and recorded as "working as a photographer". Also in the house was Henry Knox, clerk and photographer, presumably working for Frederick Junior. Just ten years later in 1901 we find Frederick Senior and Matilda living in Victoria Cottage with Frederick Junior, now recorded as Artist/Photographer, his younger brother Walter Edwin, Photographer, and the youngest sister Honoria, Retoucher (photographs). So, the Ralph family business has grown considerably.

It was in 1901 that Frederick William Junior married Annie Rachel Mann, the daughter of Henry Mann of Heath House (originally Butterfly Hall) just opposite Victoria Cottage. Henry Knox, who was with the family in 1881, was a witness to the marriage in Islington.



***Frederick William
Ralph***



Annie Mann

As the business was so successful, the Ralphs established studios in Hunstanton, possibly as early as 1892. It seems

Frederick Junior set up his own business there in competition with that of his father and is listed in Heacham Road in 1900, High Road in 1901 and Southgate in 1904. Trade Directories record his father had a business in Hunstanton on The Esplanade in 1908 and on the High Road in 1912 and 1916.

Frederick Senior had Royal permission to photograph the interior of Sandringham House and with his son issued countless wonderful views of Sandringham and District. The National Portrait Gallery attributes fifteen Royal portraits to the Ralphs from 1888 to 1905. He was granted the Royal Warrant by Princess Alexandra, King Edward and King George. They were photographers to the Great Eastern Railway Company and views from their cameras of this part of Norfolk were exhibited in the Company's trains.



Royal studio

When King Edward died in 1910 Frederick Senior retired on a pension. In the census of 1911 he records himself as "Usher, Servants' Hall, Royal Household Long Service Pension and photographer." Only Honoria was living there and she was identified simply as Frederick's assistant.

Frederick Junior was still living in Dersingham, now with four children and working as a photographer on his own account. Walter Edwin, his brother, was also recorded, married to Lilian but there were no children. He was listed as a photographer but as a worker, perhaps for his father or brother. He set out on his own later than his brother with entries for his "Cameo Studio" from 1912 to 1933.



In these later years Frederick Senior would often be seen driving around the village in his donkey and cart. It was in March 1919 that the village learnt the sad news that he had died aged 83 at home in Victoria Cottage. His wife Sarah was by his side but now unfortunately quite blind. At the funeral a beautiful wreath of flowers from the gardens of Sandringham House was sent "With Sympathy" from Queen Alexandra. Sarah died here in 1925.

Both Frederick Junior and Walter Edwin continued working as photographers. Walter certainly ran the studio in Heath Road at least until 1933. With an eye to business Walter produced postcards for the up and coming tourist trade and he even had booklets published containing sets of views. Tony Bubb came across one

such booklet entitled "*Souvenir of Sandringham*" at a flea market. There were twelve tear out cards interleaved with thin tissue paper.

The Ralph postcards and photos now give us a wonderful view of our village as it was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and allow us to see the faces of so many villagers and events otherwise forgotten. We owe a huge debt to this family of photographers. I was told that at some point Victoria Cottage was cleared and many glass negatives were destroyed. If that is true, we can only regret the many treasures that have been lost. But look carefully on any old postcard you find for the Ralph name. There are lots out there.

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News from Dersingham Bog Natural England

The time has come for the summer update for activities on Dersingham Bog, from the team here at Natural England. The breeding season is still ongoing with many birds now on second or even third broods of nesting attempts; invertebrates such as dragonflies and butterflies are emerging; and there is a wide range of other fauna.

At this time of year work on the heaths is kept to a minimum to prevent disturbance of some of our rarer breeding species such as the woodlarks and nightjars but some essential tasks still take place, such as the spraying of rhododendron across the heaths. This invasive species, if not controlled, will spread and overtake the heathland, so it is essential that we keep on top of it each year. Alongside this, our regular infrastructure checks continue to be carried out across the reserve with species monitoring. Our common bird censuses on the Bog were completed by the middle of June, so we can now complete our territory mapping of the around sixty breeding species that call the reserve home in the summer months. It seems to have been a good year for breeding passerines on the reserve compared to previous years, with good numbers of tree pipits, woodlarks, willow and grasshopper warblers, blackcap and chiffchaff. This could be down to a combination of factors, with species such as chiffchaff and blackcap arriving early in the season in conjunction with a warm front coming up from northern Africa. We have also recorded record numbers of churring male nightjars on the heaths as well as really good numbers of tree pipits that have been declining on the reserve in recent years, which is hopefully a good sign that our scrub management is working.

Dragonflies have also started to emerge in the last month; June dragonfly surveys produced the first black darters of the year and keeled skimmers, as well as many other dragonflies and damselflies. Butterflies are also out in force across the reserve with the warmer weather, and a few hawk moths have been noted in the weekly moth trapping.

Flora wise, the first of the two of our species of heather has begun to flower, with cross-leaved heath flowering in the wetter parts of the reserve and the colourful bell heather flowering in the small patches it occupies on the heathland. This is foreshadowing the flowering of the ling heather which is the most common heather here at Dersingham Bog. Across the bog and mire areas bog asphodel is in full bloom, with yellow flowers visible, a great indicator of the good condition of the habitat.

The two breeding pairs of lapwing that were on the reserve unfortunately seem to have failed and moved on to pastures new. This is a shame but a positive sign to see lapwings attempting to breed on the reserve for the first time in over ten years and hopefully they will return to try again next year. This has meant that we can now start the cutting of the mire plots on the Bog this year, as disturbance will no longer be caused, which is one of the essential jobs we carry out on the Bog. The cattle are also all doing fine and have had their routine and TB check-ups.

In July we started to control the bracken coverage on the bogs and heaths. This is a big team effort that involves many early starts to ensure that the bracken does not overtake the heathland and bog environments that are essential to many of our protected species and our designations for the reserve. The long pond project work will also get underway to stop the expanding of the pond into the bog. More Koi roll barriers will be inputted into the pond and planted up with sedges and grasses to prevent and limit wave action that causes erosion on the pond perimeter.

Looking forward, we should be wrapping up the summer season and looking towards autumn migration, as you never know what you could find.□

Dersingham Gardening Tips

Jane Jestice

"In search of my mother's garden, I found my own."

How true this quote is for me, and I suspect many people. My mother was an amazing gardener, as I have said before, and I am still trying to fill my beds the way she did so that the weeds are either smothered or unable to be seen. Her legacy in my garden also lives through parts of her garden that have made it into mine. Plants that I took cuttings of or that she gave me, pots that I inherited, and tools she used, all remind me of her every day.

Now the tide is turning. My mother is no longer with me, but I have my daughter and two daughters-in-law who have a passion for plants and gardening, and I am finding inspiration from each of them in very different ways, and they are giving ME advice and information on ways to improve my gardening. Of course, there is still room for me to impart my knowledge to them! But wait... rapidly blossoming are my four grandchildren, still all under ten, but already involved in their parents' gardens and allotments and discovering the joy and excitement of plants. What a wonderful way to connect through the generations.

My garden is a spring and early summer garden. So, this year I am going to try and focus on improving its appearance later in the year. I need to look specifically for plants that give colour in August and September.

This is the third year of my chaos front garden and today it looks magnificent. However, I am thinking of going back to a formal front garden as really befits our house and saving my uncontrolled gardening for the pretty little cottage I plan to move into next.

Some of you may be relieved to know that my walnut tree has nuts this year after two barren years. However, my flower beds are usually filled with campanula and this year I have very few. I have a plague of blackfly outside and whitefly on my indoor plants. The unpredictability of a gardener's life!



I hope you are all continuing to deadhead your plants and collect seeds, making sure you label them well! It's a good idea to leave some seed heads on the plant to self-seed because, in my experience, they grow much better where THEY have chosen to grow rather than where we try to make them!

Three of my favourite plants in the garden are sweet peas, runner beans and French beans. The reason? In order for them to keep producing flowers and beans they MUST be picked, therefore there is no guilt involved in taking every one off the plant.

This is the time of year when watering becomes an issue, especially for pots and hanging baskets. Use grey water where possible. Indoor plants also dry out very quickly. Remember, though, that it is easier to revive an underwatered plant than an overwatered one.

Happy gardening until next time. I am off to Hampton Court Flower Show to watch my daughter give a demonstration!□



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Lynn Road as it was

A month or two back I wrote a bit in the Village Voice about all the shops and businesses in Manor Road, Dersingham. Well, I have now been asked to do the same for the Lynn Road that ran through the village from Eight Mile Stone Corner to Life Wood Lane.

Starting by the edge of the village and going north, on the left hand side we had Hyners - petrol station and coach proprietors. It was then called Sandringham Garage. Charlie Whisker took it over and changed the name to Heath Garage, before Vick Grayson took it over. It is still there but it has not sold petrol for many years. Then we had the late but well-remembered Ken Martins, who sold tomatoes and eggs from his door. Next, just past The Drift, was a grocer's shop built by Tom Drew in 1939 for Doris, his daughter. When Doris got called up for the army a Mr Whisker took it on, followed by Mr Pullen and Mr Mason. Now we come to Fred Wagg's cycle shop. In the 1950s Fred ran two coaches taking American children who lived in the villages back and forth to their school at the USAF base at Sculthorpe.

Next along Lynn Road we had a hairdressers that was built in 1938 by Tom Drew for his other daughter, Eleanor. When she got called up it was let as a private house; after the war it became a hairdressers again and stayed that way for many years. Tucked away in a corner of Lynn Road at Dun Cow Lane was a dairy and arable farm where you could go and fetch fresh cow's milk. Next to this was the Dun Cow public house – the old one was knocked down in 1997 and a new one built the following year. These premises were later demolished and a supermarket built on the site. Just round the bend was Mr Reynolds's men's hairdressers in a black shed.

Further along was the White Horse public house. The last landlord was Harry Chester with his wife, Mabel. Harry was landlord from 1937 to 1962 and all the time he was there he always served his beer straight from the cellar; it never did have a bar. When he retired the White Horse was demolished and shops built in its place. If you kept on heading north along Lynn Road, crossing Station Road, there was Rolly Lindford's grocery shop, that later became a Co-op. A little further on was Rayners newspaper shop. Ray Dilks also had a Walls ice cream trailer at Sandringham on Wednesdays and Sundays. Further up on the left was the well-known haberdashery shop of Mrs Wiyers, later taken on by Rankins.

Crossing over the road and going south was the auto service station run by Mr Ward and later by Mr Cox and his son, Roger. In those days there were four petrol stations. A bit further south Mr Thaxter lived in a bungalow with greenhouses where he grew tomatoes and other vegetables that he sold at the gate. A few yards down a little lane, just before you got to Chapel Road (Linfords Corner), Mr Walker and his son, Allan, sold flowers and vegetables from their market garden.

Past the junction of Chapel Road, heading south just before Post Office Road, was Fisher's fish and chip shop with a crisp factory in a barn next door. The crisps were distributed throughout Norfolk. On the corner of Post Office Road was a petrol station which, I believe, at some time belonged to Fred Easton. Crossing over Post Office Road was Mr Riches' boot menders, or cobblers as we called it. From there as far as the Open Common there was nothing but houses and bungalows.

In later years Lynn Road was split up and stopped at Post Office Corner; the stretch from Mr Reynolds's hairdressers hut to Life Wood Lane was renamed Hunstanton Road. If anyone thinks of any shops I have left out please let me know or get in touch with Village Voice.

King George visits

I was listening to Radio Norfolk and they were talking about well-known or famous people visiting schools in Norfolk. The school that must go to the top of the list is the Dersingham St George's Secondary Modern School on Admirals Drive. The school is still there but under a different name. It was built in 1938 but was taken over by the army during the war and opened again after the war. One day in 1948 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited the school. My father, Jim Melton, who had just come out of the army after serving for 25 years, was caretaker at the school and worked there for another 25 years; he stood in line with the teachers and governors of the school. He wore his medals, so the King and Queen stopped and asked him about his army life. That was for him the proudest moment of his life and a very big day for the school.

How the other villages have fared

I have plenty of time on my hands these days, so I sit in my chair thinking about how all the little villages round and about Dersingham survived. Well, a lot of small villages had a pub and a post office that would also be a shop. Let's take Shernborne for a start. There was a small shop, a post office and a boot makers (cobblers) up Church Lane and a pub called The Bull, which was later turned into a very active club. The building is still there but I think that the club has been closed down.

Anmer had a club that is still open, as well as a shop/post office run by a dear old lady, Mrs Curson. Babingley and Wolferton still have active clubs. Wolferton had a post office/village store that was just over the railway line on your right. Sandringham had its own post office somewhere near the house, but I am not sure of its exact location.

West Newton also had a post office/shop and a pub that was later turned into a very good club, which I think has now been closed. Up the flax factory road there was a blacksmith's shop run, I think, by a Mr Scott. The flax factory employed many people and buses would run round the villages picking them up. The buses even ran as far as Hunstanton. In Flitcham at one time there were two pubs: The New Inn, which has been closed down, and The Bell, which I think is now a club. There was also a post office/shop run by the Bridges family for many years, a baker's shop and, tucked away up the corner near the church, a bicycle repair shop run by Mr Sands.

When I was a boy most of these villages had their own school. Many of them closed years ago though the buildings of most of them are still there. I think West Newton School is still open. If you know more about these pubs, shops and schools please get in touch or send a letter to the Village Voice.

Footpaths, bridleways and tracks

One of my granddaughters does a lot of running to keep fit but just lately she has found it really difficult to use some of the footpaths on Dersingham Fen, especially the path that goes from Sand Pit Cottages to the Red Dyke past the area of burnt silver birch trees. Why haven't these birch trees been cut down? There are between sixteen and twenty footpaths, bridleways and tracks. The Drift, which starts at the Lynn Road junction with Manor Road, has been there since about 1737 when there was a great flood with the sea coming as far as the church. The sea went back to where it is today. The Drift was the only way to the sea until, due to the food shortage during the war, the concrete road was laid down in 1942 so that farmers could cultivate the marshes. When my father was a boy, over a hundred years ago, he would walk down The Drift from the Lynn Road to near where the pumping station is today to go for a swim.

There are many footpaths over Dersingham Fen, the main one is the right turning past Babingley House. The footpath ran alongside the Red Dyke till it got to the railway line.

Then there was a path that took you to the cranberry beds and the mud flats where the fluffy cotton plants grew. If you followed the path as far as Wolferton Cut you could then cross over the line into Wolferton village. Many people from Wolferton used this path to go to Dersingham to do their shopping. Another track that people used on the fen was halfway between Babingley House and the Eight Mile Stone. People would use this track to get to an area of open cast sand that they took home for building jobs. The many paths across the fen need to be made accessible to the people of Dersingham.

Bob Flegg

Now and then I plea for help. I have in my possession an article from a paper in May about Mr Bob Flegg from Dersingham, who was a POW of the Germans during World War II, and I would like to know if any of his relatives are still about to give permission before telling this story in the Village Voice. My phone number is 01485 535658. Thank you very much. The boy Dick, Sunny Hunny.□



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Ingoldisthorpe Village WI

Lesley Geer, President

After a very busy few months August will be a quieter month for us, giving time to gather our energy for a busy autumn and thereafter.

So, what have we been up to? Nine members spent a most enjoyable and informative afternoon at Archangel Gin Distillery. Needless to say, the journey home was very giggly and quite loud; definitely destroying the myth that the WI is all Jam, Jerusalem, Twinsets and Pearls! A more refined trip in May was made to Stody Lodge Gardens to admire the Rhododendrons and Azalea Water Garden, and of course partake of refreshments and the odd purchase or two.

We just had to celebrate the Jubilee in style, so in April there was a combined St George's Day and Jubilee Tea for the local community, and our meeting took the format of an indoor Jubilee street party with food, entertainment and a gift for each member. Plus we made cakes for the village weekend celebrations.

Moving forward to July, we hosted one of our regular events, a Strawberry Afternoon Tea open to supporters, WI members and the local community.

Not forgetting our monthly meetings, in May we had a visit from Coral Batchelor, our WI Advisor, talking about the history of the WI and the various committees and Trustees that make up the Norfolk Federation. In June, Simon White from Peter Beales Nursery came and spoke about the two famous flower shows, Chelsea and Hampton Court, with slides showing the amazing displays that are exhibited by them and other participants.

In July, we were joined by visitors from other local WIs and members of the Federation Office to enjoy an evening of entertainment from our 'royal' guest speaker, Queen Victoria, aka Georgette Vale. And we chose this meeting to sell our wrapped surprise parcels to raise money for ACWW (Associated Countrywide Women of the World), a charity supporting women all over the world.

We also have our monthly walks, with a refreshment stop. In June we had two walks, along the coastal path from Morston to Blakeney, and later in the month we explored the history of King's Lynn, joining a heritage walk. For those who enjoy a bit of friendly competition we have weekly darts and bowls and have just restarted Pitch and Putt; for those who are 'crafty' there are our Knit and Natter sessions and Craft Group, and for the avid readers a monthly Book Club.

And finally:

Saturday 24th September, 12.00 - 2.30pm, we have our Harvest Lunch - a sociable two hours to enjoy a lovely buffet lunch with the added bonus of buying a winning raffle ticket. Lunch tickets can be sourced via Sylvia on 01485 544362 at a cost of £8.

Saturday 12th November, 11.00am - 2.00pm, we have our November Fayre with Pop up Cafe. The perfect opportunity to make a start on the present list with locally made cakes, preserves, sweets and other gifts for Christmas, all waiting to be purchased. Both events take place at Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall, Hill Road, Ingoldisthorpe.

You too can be a part of all this, come and see us. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Lesley on 01485 298645 or Jean on 01485 541462. □

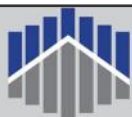
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The Planned Works on Dersingham Commons and Fen Second Update

Trustees of Dersingham United Charities

In my previous articles I explained that the Charity is tasked with undertaking certain conservation works described in a DEFRA Countryside Stewardship Agreement which we have been slowly, but surely, achieving. I described that the Agreement is fundamentally made up of two parts. The first part requires four specified jobs to be carried out in the first two years and, with this time limit in mind, this is where we have concentrated our efforts since its inception on 1st January 2020. I am pleased to say that we have now completed on time:

- the removal of 500 sqm of molinia tussock (purple moor-grass) from the Fen.
- the felling and removal of twenty-five specified trees from the Fen.
- the eradication of 5,000 sqm of rhododendron from the Shut-up Common woodland.
- the clearance of seven out of the nine areas of scrub (totalling 25,000 sqm).



Top of the common cleared of scrub

We will henceforth be concentrating on the requirements detailed in the second part of the Agreement (one or two have already been done), but most of this work can only be carried out during the winter months in order not to disturb the breeding birds. We will continue to remove the invasive rhododendron, concentrating on those bushes in the centre of the Common, and then working our way around the perimeter ditches. Once this is cleared, we will be in a better position to see what work needs to be carried out to clear and/or repair the top ditch to ensure water once again flows smoothly along it, although we probably won't be at this stage for a year or two.

We will also clear the scrub on the Fen that wasn't achieved under the first part. Due to the nature of the tussocky terrain this will probably be carried out by contractors, rather than our invaluable volunteers, and will probably take two or three years to achieve. The reed bed on the Fen also needs to be curtailed but a sample cutting last year proved too costly in manpower to remove the cut material, so we are still considering how best to achieve this.

Probably the most sensitive work we are about to embark on will be the thinning and clearing of some the trees, both on the Fen and the Commons over the next few years. On the Fen it will simply be a matter of felling those along the heathland edges to open the Fen up and prevent any further encroachment of the woodland border; a similar tactic may be employed on the Open Common too.

However, on the Shut-up Common a more deliberate remodelling of the woodland is required. The Agreement specifically requires more open areas (up to 8.11 ha, or 20 acres.) It also requires a greater range in the age and type of tree present. As you are no doubt aware, we have an overly large section of weak, immature silver birch and this is where we will concentrate our efforts, felling many of them to open up this area and to encourage the healthy growth of those remaining. We will also consider planting some different types of tree to help the bio-diversity. We will begin the process by 'halo thinning' around a small selection of specified trees that we feel need to be freed from



Volunteers bridge building



Completed bridge

surrounding, overbearing trees, to give them more room to grow healthily. In the meantime, you may have noticed that we have recently improved many of the bridges (with the help of a small grant from King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council) and we have started to clear the stream bed to help it flow more freely.

Much of this work couldn't be achieved without our team of committed volunteers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their invaluable efforts. If you would like to join us, typically on a Saturday morning, then please let me know: Alex Coombs at ducclerk@gmail.com.

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Dersingham Rainbow Guides visit Stow Bardolph

Lynne Wheeler

On Saturday 25th June the Dersingham Rainbow Guides and their Leaders enjoyed a visit to the Rare Breeds Centre at Stow Bardolph. They set off by coach and arrived shortly after 10am. They enjoyed seeing a variety of animals including rabbits, goats, pigs, donkeys, chickens, and a shire and Suffolk punch heavy horses. They spent time in the outside play area - climbing, bouncing and swinging and on the mini tractor circuit.



After a picnic under a shady tree, there was time to explore the shop to spend pocket money, play in the indoor play area and enjoy an ice cream. The afternoon ended with the pig racing, always a special favourite.

They returned home very tired after a wonderful day.□

Snettisham Gardening Club

We sadly had to cancel our Open Gardens this year, but we had an entry in the Sandringham Garden Club's competition in the marquee at the Flower Show, so we hope you had the opportunity to see it if you visited.

Our next meeting in the Memorial Hall is August 31st when Philippa Patterson of Honeypatch Flowers will be asking the question, "Is 2022 the year of British Flowers?"

The September meeting is an Autumn show for members only. For further information call Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754.□

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Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

During the final half term of the year, Nursery have been celebrating living by the seaside. The children have been thinking about what kinds of things can be seen on the seashore, the importance of lighthouses and how we can keep safe by the sea. The year will be rounded off with a pirate themed party!



Nursery



Nursery



Reception, archaeology dig

Reception children become palaeontologists for the day to launch their half term topic by going on a dig in the school sandpit to see if dinosaurs really lived in Dersingham. The children then enjoyed prehistoric inspired maths sessions and collected a range of information to use in their writing, making some fabulous fact boards.



Year 1 at Wildlings

The pirate theme continued in Year 1, when Pirate Pete left a box of treasures for the children, including a book about 'How to Find Gold!' They have been following the adventures of *Anna and Croc*, creating sea monsters, designing pirate ships and developing their writing skills. Year 1 opened the Flower Festival at the Methodist Church, singing songs and re-telling the Loaves and Fishes story. They were made very welcome and enjoyed being presented with a pencil and bookmark gift. The highlight of the term was visiting Wildlings, where the pouring rain and mud only enhanced their experience!



Year 1 at Methodist Flower Festival



Year 2, Dragons

Year 2s have had a very exciting term. Their topic started with the question, 'Are dragons real or fictional?' After spending time collecting evidence in the woodland, everyone came to the same conclusion, dragons are VERY real!

Year 3 have been reading the best book of the year, *Oliver and the Seawigs*, all about a boy travelling amongst isles in search of his explorer parents, with the help of a mermaid. The children have been learning about rocks and fossils, which cluster along the shoreline and how they are formed. They used this knowledge to make beautiful coastline collages. The Eco-Council arranged a visit by Anglian Water, where the children found out how to save water and how it gets cleaned before returning to humans or the water cycle. Wet wipes certainly should NOT go down the toilet!



Year 3, What not to put down the loo



Year 4, The Big Sing

In Year 4 the children have been busy singing and learning songs to take part in a virtual choir with schools and communities across the country; they sang with Claire Sweeny! They have also been learning how to keep safe using electricity indoors and outside our homes and making circuits to light a bulb. The term was rounded off by travelling back in time to learn about the strict Victorians.

Oh, Year 5 do like to be beside the seaside, that is until they start to read about the Malamandar that visits 'Eerie-on-sea' every year to lay its egg. This class read provided the perfect opportunity to learn about our amazing watery world: discovering, researching and classifying. The topic work included geographical fieldwork, mathematical coordinates and measurement skills and applying the scientific understanding of habitats, life-cycles and food chains. The text has also given the children the chance to develop figurative language and develop suspense in their writing, whilst also working on report writing and persuasive language. What a way to finish the year!

With SATs complete, Year 6 are well under way working on their end of year play: *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. Everyone is busy rehearsing, learning their lines, practising their acting, and, of course, singing at the top of their lungs! Alongside this, the children are studying a book called *The Journey* in literacy. This book, told from the perspective of a child, tells the story of a family forced to flee war and find a new home, a very poignant read for our times.

The school joined in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, carefully organised by the Student Council, by having a street party. The children had a 'right royal time' in their classrooms for the day, getting creative with stamp designs, crown and flag making and learning all about the Queen and her family.

There has been a bonanza of sporting activity throughout June, including an incredible off-road bike race hosted by the



Area Sports competition



Bike Race

school, which saw a record number of entries from Smithdon cluster primary schools. Area Sports saw Dersingham pupils winning thirteen first places, fourteen second places and eight third places. What a fabulous athletics team we have!

The Sports Council organised a Commonwealth Games festival for KS1 in partnership with other schools. They proved to

be sensational sports leaders on the day. The children are also very proud to announce that the school has once again won the Sportsmark Gold Award. A huge achievement considering the testing times we have been under in the last two years. Sixteen Year 5 children have been trained up as play leaders, ready for transition into Year 6, and Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed a huge sports festival at Smithdon. Our very own sports day, including a picnic with parents, rounded off the sporting calendar perfectly.

Finally, before heading off into the summer sunset for the year, the Eco-Council would like to share some exciting news. The school has been working hard on a new format for the Green Flag award, which has been successful. Hard work by all three councils this year has ensured the pupils have a strong voice, showing a passion for their fantastic school.□



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Good News: Café Open!

Rev Mark Capron

Rector of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe, Shernborne and church leader of 'The Well', Ingoldisthorpe



We are very pleased the long-awaited part time café in Ingoldisthorpe is now open. The Café at the Well is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:30am and 12pm offering a place to meet and enjoy delightful beverages. Jane the barista can serve you a variety of drinks, including cappuccino, latte, flat white, americano, espresso, hot chocolate, English Breakfast or fruit teas and milk shakes. Alongside the drinks there are cakes now available; I personally am quite partial to a piece of cake! Along with the café furniture there are a number of new highchairs for little people to be comfortable when at the café.

It has been lovely to see the Café at the Well open and already many people have made it a regular place to stop and meet others. A number of walkers have started coming into the café along their route, enjoying a hot

drink and a piece of cake. You can find the café in the wonderfully re-decorated church hall on Hill Road, Ingoldisthorpe (PE31 6NZ). More information is available on the website www.atthewell.org.uk along with links to the social media platforms. Opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8:30am and 12pm.

On the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm in the Hall on Hill Road there is also Sunday at the Well, an accessible form of café church, a different approach, being relaxed and accessible in a café setting. Why not come and join us? The next two dates are 24th July and 25th September.



Looking wider across the parishes, during the month of August there will be one service a week at St. Nicholas Church, Dersingham for all the parishes; this is to enable the ministry team to have a well-deserved break. These services are at a special time of 10am and will be live streamed. Please do feel free to check the church website or contact the church secretary (01485 544561) for service details and more information.

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When does a hobby become a business?

**Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants,
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The question of overlap between a hobby and a business can be a puzzling one. The special case of farming and market gardening is dealt with at some length and has its own special legislation (see further below) but for other activities the position is less clear cut.

Case law has established that in order for a business to exist there should be some sort of business structure (making business decisions, dealing with customers etc) and there should be business activities such as buying goods for resale or providing services. HMRC manuals define “trade” as being *“operations of a commercial kind by which the trader provides to customers for reward some kind of goods or services. The extension of the definition to ‘ventures in the nature of trade’ allows for the inclusion of isolated or speculative transactions”*.

Looking at this in practical terms it is fairly easy to see outlying examples which would fall either side of a line. Transactions which would not be deemed a trade might include:

- Household items which were purchased for personal use but sold when no longer required
- Disposals by an executor in the realisation of an estate
- One off transactions such as buying goods in bulk and sharing the cost with neighbours where there is no profit involved.

Conversely, someone who regularly buys goods with the intention of selling them on (perhaps buying at auction or from a wholesaler and selling retail through small ads or at boot sales), will almost certainly be carrying out a trade. Similarly, where residential property is profitably bought and sold more often than would be normal the activity can be deemed a trade, even if the vendor lives in the properties concerned. The position will depend on circumstances, so a military family who are frequently reposted would probably not be trading, but a professional builder who works on each property before selling it on would be in a much less defensible position. There are several decided tax cases on the matter which look at various “badges of trade” including the number and frequency of transactions, the source of finance, any element of improvement between purchase and sale and the reason for the sale.

Even if a profitable trade is being carried on, small scale activities will not necessarily give rise to a tax charge. Where total turnover is less than £1000 such income is not taxable unless it derives from:

- a company you or someone connected to you owns or controls
- a partnership where you or someone connected to you are partners
- your employer or the employer of your spouse or civil partner

It will, however, still often be necessary to register for self-assessment and then claim the Trading Allowance within a tax return.

Finally, whilst HMRC are keen to tax profits, the legislation is also in place to prevent loss reliefs being claimed where no business exists. If the activity is not profitable and is not being carried out “with a view to profit” then loss relief will not be available to set against

other income sources. As mentioned above, specific rules are in place for farmers and market gardeners which accept that farming profits can fluctuate from year to year for all manner of reasons outside the control of the taxpayer. Where such trades are carried on, loss relief is blocked after six consecutive years of losses unless it can be demonstrated that a competent farmer would not at the outset have expected to turn a profit within that period.

It is clear, therefore, that this issue can be quite problematic. Sometimes we see people who have been losing sleep over a simple matter such as selling household goods as part of a downsizing exercise or after a bereavement. In other cases what started as a hobby can slowly turn into a fully-fledged business, and it can be difficult establishing when the transition took place. In either case, a timely request for advice can save a great deal of worry.

Please contact either myself or my assistant Nicola Tarry FCA on 01485 534800 or email kate@kathryngigg.co.uk if we can assist in any way.

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Dersingham Institute Bowls Club

Jan Rawstron

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through our bowling season, with lots going on at the moment. Our Wednesday internal league, 'The Birds' is well under way, and looks like being closely fought right to the end. We are also now in full swing with our Knockout competitions, and our members are busy arranging matches in time to get all the rounds completed before the end of the season. There have been some very closely fought matches, with a very high standard. This all bodes well for the club as a whole as more members improve their game and get involved in match play.

Our teams are doing reasonably well in both the Albert Victor and Countryside Leagues, introducing more of our members to League Bowls. Our matches are always played in good spirits, no matter what the results. We are doing particularly well in the Albert Victor Knockout Cup.



On Saturday June 4th, we held our Platinum Jubilee Roll-Up followed by a fantastic buffet - as usual, all supplied by our members who were also very generous in bringing raffle prizes. The weather was kind, and a great afternoon was spent with our friends. Chairman, Ray Hollywood, proposed a toast to Her Majesty, and we all went home very happy, especially the winner of the competition, Laura Wiley and runner-up Terry Nice. Well done to you both.

Saturday June 25th saw the first leg of our annual Ladies v Men Challenge Match. This was attended by twenty-nine bowlers. Historically, more men than ladies take part, and this year the ladies' team was ably assisted by honorary ladies, 'Ruby' (Ray Hollywood), 'Davina' (Dave Graves) and 'Alana' (Alan Coleman). Thanks, guys for being such good sports, especially Ruby, who came dressed for the part. After a closely fought match, the Ladies came out narrow winners by one shot. We all look forward to the return match on Saturday July 30th which will be followed by a fish and chip supper and raffle.



Our Saturday Roll-Ups continue to be well supported. There is a small cash prize for the winner and runner-up each week, and our members kindly donate these winnings to our chosen charity, NARS. Although these sessions are light-hearted, there is a competitive edge as there is a trophy at the end of the season for the best accumulative scores for men and ladies. Currently this looks like being a very close thing, but plenty of time left. We have been glad to welcome three of our new members from the Open Day to these Roll-Ups, and they seem to be fitting into the club well.

Work continues on the green. This season has brought its challenges, with a very dry April when we normally rely on rain and a bit of warmth to promote growth. But this year, as well as the dry weather, it has been very windy, drying out the green even more. The wind has also blown seeds of rogue grasses from nearby playing fields and farmland, so it's an ongoing battle to contain them without using harmful chemicals. Our team of volunteers try their best, and despite all the above, produce a good surface to bowl on. We are very grateful for all their hard work.

By the time the next issue is published, the 2022 season will be over, and we will be looking forward to our presentation lunch, which this year will be held at The Mariner Inn, Old Hunstanton on October 14th. So, until then, stay safe and healthy everyone. □

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Jubilee Weekend

Dersingham residents turned out in their hundreds to support the various events taking place over the Platinum Jubilee weekend of June 2nd to 5th – although on the final Sunday the Big Lunch on the recreation ground and the cricket matches were cancelled due to very poor weather. However, on the other days we were treated to a delightful variety of events, from coffee mornings to afternoon teas (what cakes there were!), the lighting of the beacon (very well attended), the Fun Day on the recreation ground with dog show, face painting and many stalls, church services either live or streamed from St Paul's, and the Jubilee Jamboree in the Village Centre. Here are a few photos to mark these events.



Norfolk Hospice Tapping House's Jubilee fundraising coffee morning raised £506.



Well over one hundred people turned out for the lighting of Dersingham's beacon.



Jubilee tea for "Platinum" residents

On the Friday afternoon, residents of Dersingham who had surpassed the ripe old age of 70 were invited to tea in the Village Centre. It was fully booked well in advance and sadly not everyone was able to be fitted in. A delicious tea of sandwiches and cakes was consumed, accompanied by a glass of prosecco or sparkling elderflower to toast the occasion. Guests were treated to a medley of songs - a bit of Vera Lynn, but also others such as *Sweet Caroline*, which everyone joined in with very enthusiastically!



Fun Day on the Recreation ground

Blessed with reasonable, if windy weather, many people turned out to enjoy a host of activities, stalls, and music. The Dersingham Veterinary Clinic organised an excellent dog show comprised of eight classes. The multitude of dogs of all shapes and sizes were remarkably well behaved.



Winners of the various classes

Freya, Best Dog in Show



Excited class winner



Wait until he looks in a mirror!



Sandringham Fire Station crew - they had to rush off mid-afternoon on a job!



NARS getting a new recruit to practise CPR.

Jubilee Jamboree at Dersingham Village Centre

A packed hall was filled with tables laid out in the style of a street party, leaving just enough room for people to dance to the sound of the Summertime Kings Doo-Wop and Rock n Roll Band. The organisers created a wonderful atmosphere with all the decorations and bunting. The street party food came from recipes in cookbooks of the 1950s. The crowning touch came with the cutting of the fruity Union Jack cakes.



Village decorations

A festive atmosphere was created throughout the village with displays of flags and bunting adorning many of the houses.

**Well done Dersingham,
we celebrated the
holiday in style!!**

Queen's Jubilee Fun Afternoon

Valerie Brundle

Both Kurtis and I would like to thank all the stall holders who came along on June 4th to the recreation ground. Not only were we celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, but also collecting for the Charity NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service) who also attended. The day started well, although a little windy, but everything went smoothly.

We had a lovely letter from The Queen wishing us good luck for our special event, but because of health reasons and the celebrations in London, she was unable to attend.

The dog show went down very well with everyone enjoying themselves, and a special thank you to Fran for helping out. Our main sponsors were "Pooches Biscuits", who not only donated to NARS, but with our second sponsor Justin Kirkland (Dersingham Vets) they jointly donated the prizes. Our main raffle went well with a beautiful Jubilee cake made by Cheryl for first prize. Other sponsors for the raffle were Boots, Le Strange Hotel, Bank House, The White House, Envy Hairdressers and the Silk Road.

I must say thank you to our Fire Service who seemed to be snowed under with children wanting to get inside the fire appliance. Both Kurtis and I managed to get round to thank everyone for coming, and to see the "stocks" being used!! Face painting was on the agenda with long queues, and also Glitter Fairies, who ran out of glitter at the end. Nevertheless, they all had fun.

Overall, I think we had a good turnout, especially when so many other things were going on at the same time around this area. So thank you everyone for coming. At the end of the day we collected £1,233 towards NARS Charity which we know will continue. They are doing such good work; well done everyone.

Whilst writing this, we are sorry we didn't have the Big Lunch the next day as the weather was awful, but we hope to have it a little later. (Ed: see below)

Due to the wet weather on June 5th we had to postpone **THE BIG LUNCH**. However, we have rescheduled it for Saturday August 27th (Bank Holiday weekend). Time: 12noon-5pm. For those wishing to have a stand again, please contact Valerie Brundle on 07789 598940. We are going to have another fun day.



There is no u3a meeting in the Community Hall in August but we will be back at 2.00 pm on Monday 19th September when Georgette Vale will be telling us all about Edith Cavell, when you will be most welcome to join us. For further information please see our website at u3asites.org.uk/hunstanton

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Dersingham Evening W.I. Katrina Mundy



The speaker for May was Anne Greaves who spoke of her experiences treading the boards in the theatre; I hear that it was an interesting and funny account. Sorry I missed it.

I also missed a lovely afternoon coffee meet at Heather's (from the photos I saw on Facebook); the weather looked glorious and the cakes delicious, so big thanks to Heather for opening her house and garden to us. A big thank must go to all the ladies who volunteer to have a coffee morning/afternoon. It is daunting to have between ten and twenty women descend on you (have you enough cups, teapots, chairs - I usually end up borrowing from my neighbour.)

Five of our members had a delicious cream tea at Anmer W.I. to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee; it was a lovely afternoon sitting outside Anmer Village Hall in the sunshine, with good company and lovely scones and cream. Most of us dressed in red, white and blue or sported crowns.

The W.I. also supported the village's celebrations for the Queen and had a stall at the Fun Day on the Saturday in aid of NARS. Many thanks go to those members who donated items, cakes, jams and plants for sale and items for the tombola. It was a most enjoyable day, had its moments when the tent tried to take off a few times, but it all added to the fun. It was lovely to see and chat to the many people who supported the event. Dennis, the gentleman in the photo, became our Honorary Member for the day as he helped to keep the tent down. He was only meant to drop off Lyn and then go home; instead, he stayed to the end, so a big thank you to him.



June 9th saw a small group of members have an afternoon out at Houghton Hall. Once again, a lovely time as some went round the Hall and then strolled round the walled garden. We had a break for coffee and cake (some of you must think by now that that is all we do - drink coffee and cake; it isn't, I assure you, but it is a perk of a trip.) It was a delightful place to spend a few hours wandering among the flower beds, and a great place to pick up ideas for your own garden; and in the expansive grounds we were lucky to see the white deer so close to the Hall.

Our evening meet on June 15th started by standing for a minute's silence in remembrance of our dear friend Ann Saunders who has died. She will be greatly missed in the group.

The evening continued with our "Fun with Flowers", where members brought flowers and greenery so they could watch and make their own display to take home at the end of the evening. The event was led by our member Peg and her friend Trudi. This soon became noisy and hectic as everyone started cutting foliage and artistically arranging the flowers (well, some were) in their oasis. I am not sure how much notice we were actually taking of Peg and Trudi as some of us started on the placing of flowers before others did. Much laughter ensued, especially when a flower would not go or stay in the position it was



needed to go or, as happened to one of mine, snapped its stem – it did go in though. The end results were lovely and very different in design and a lot of members were very pleased with their results (I know I was, but my husband wasn't so sure.) I am sure our three visitors for the evening enjoyed themselves as well, and hopefully will return next month.

On June 17th five members joined in the Group celebration for the Queen's Jubilee at South Wootton Hall. We were on door duty, and other local W.I.s were responsible for food and decoration. Tiaras and crowns were aplenty and some had even come in 50s dress. Entertainment was by *Pots of Gold* and soon we were all singing along to some of the shanties. We had a toast to the Queen and a fun evening was had by all who attended.

Our monthly craft group with Babs continues making cards, this month in the colours of yellow and blue. She mentioned the C word (Christmas) and that we may start in September making items for this. MAD group continues with their knitting, and hopefully we will have some of this to sell at our Autumn Fair.

With the weather being so pleasant, June's coffee morning became a coffee evening sitting in Diann's beautiful garden. It was a most pleasurable time. In July, members enjoyed a coffee afternoon at Peg's.

We hope to have an outing to WhataHoot Distillery in July - the largest number of names down on that list – no surprise there. Our book club is still going strong, and this month members are reading *The Silver Thread* by Tracey Chevalier. I understand they often have quite animated discussions about the books. Thank you to Joan for continuing to hold these at her home.

Our July speaker was Shirley Webb on the topic "Using Colour for Confidence". We had had Shirley during lockdown on a Zoom meet and decided that it was one we really had to see in the flesh, so to speak. We all need confidence boosts from time to time and it's easily done with a change of colour in our wardrobe. Just putting a different shade of your favourite colour next to you, perhaps a scarf or cardigan, can make all the difference. So, it's not always necessary to have a completely new wardrobe, which was great news to my husband's ears.

We took part in the St Nicholas Flower Festival with our display of *Listen with Mother* and *Women's Hour*. I remember the first one as a child and then sitting listening with my own daughter. Many thanks to Jill for putting our flower display together and members who lent items for the display.

We had an invitation to attend Ingoldisthorpe's W.I. July meeting – "An evening with Queen Victoria" which was most interesting. It is encouraging when we can support the other local W.I. groups in the area.

We don't usually have any meetings in August, but we will be holding an afternoon tea in the garden at Alison Childs' for all members. Let's hope that the weather is still as lovely as it is now. When we return in September, we will be looking forward to our Autumn Fair in October, trips to Blickling Hall, Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair and many other interesting talks. Our evening meet is on the third Wednesday of the month at St Cecilia's Church at 7.15pm. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to know more about the W.I., please contact Lyn on 01485 541257 or Katrina on 01485 544773. □

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The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House

The Norfolk Hospice celebrates their volunteers

The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House celebrated their volunteers at a special Jubilee-themed thank you event on 7th June. The annual event is an opportunity to invite volunteers from all areas of the Hospice to celebrate their achievements and to see how their volunteering supports the Hillington-based independent charity.

Over 100 guests attended the event at Knight's Hill Hotel & Spa, who kindly donated use of their event space free of charge. Guests listened to talks from Nicola Ellis, the new Chief Executive at The Norfolk Hospice, and Nicky Crown from WhataHoot Distillery, who sell a special edition gin, proceeds of which benefit the Hospice.

At an awards ceremony presented by Tim How, the Hospice's Chair of Trustees, thirty-nine volunteers received Volunteering Long Service Awards. Fundraising volunteer Vanessa Blythe and gardening volunteer Marianne Charles both received their specially designed twenty-year award at the event.

Rebecca Walls, Voluntary Services Manager at The Norfolk Hospice, said: "Our annual volunteer thank you event is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the fantastic contribution our volunteers make. The Norfolk Hospice has over 300 volunteers who donate approximately 55,000 hours of their time each year, supporting all departments of the Hospice. We couldn't do what we do without them, and their hard work is crucial in delivering our vital care in the local community."



The Norfolk Hospice launches retail volunteer campaign

Can you **'Make a Difference'** to The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House? The Hospice is launching a retail volunteer recruitment campaign - **'Make a Difference'** – to help bolster their volunteer numbers.

The Norfolk Hospice, which has eight charity shops throughout North and West Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, has been extremely busy since lockdown ended with record numbers of both donated items and sales. However, their volunteer numbers are down and they are still desperately trying to recover from the effects of the pandemic. As a registered independent charity, the Hillington-based Hospice relies on their retail volunteers who kindly donate their time to maximise the Hospice's income, which in turn raises much needed funds for vital patient care.

Rebecca Walls said: "We are extremely grateful for our amazing retail volunteers who currently donate 500 hours of their time each week. Volunteering has many benefits, including learning new skills and meeting new people and we hope that this campaign

will raise awareness in our local community of these benefits and help us to grow our team. There are various roles that volunteers carry out, including sorting and pricing, preparing and tidying the items on sale, listing on eBay and till work.”

If you are interested in making a difference and becoming a retail volunteer for The Norfolk Hospice, please apply at www.norfolkhospice.org.uk/volunteer or phone 01485 601700. They have shops in Hunstanton, Snettisham, Fakenham, Wisbech, Swaffham, Downham Market and two in King's Lynn.

Tulip field raises £93,392 for The Norfolk Hospice

A record-breaking £93,392 has been raised for The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House following a ten-day event where a tulip field was opened to the public. Tulip growers Mark and Susanne Eves from PS & JE Ward of Belmont Nurseries in Terrington St Clement worked with The Norfolk Hospice to open the 28-acre tulip field near Roydon to the public.

The event which was held from 21st April to 2nd May sold out within four days of the tickets being released. The stunning display attracted over 10,000 visitors and tulip enthusiasts, many travelling long distances, to view the only public tulip fields in the country.

The record-breaking total is the largest the Hospice fundraising team have ever achieved for an event and the catering team were involved in baking tulip themed biscuits and cakes. Over seventy-five volunteers from the Hospice and local businesses gave their time to ensure that the event was a success.

Lindsey Atkin, Community & Corporate Fundraising Manager at The Norfolk Hospice, said: “It’s been an absolute pleasure to work with Mark and Susanne once again for this special event and we are so thankful to them, our amazing volunteers and everyone who supported Tulips for Tapping. We’d also like to give special thanks to Michael Rae, Roydon Hall Farms and our main sponsor Stebbings Car Superstore and our supporters Algeco, Baco Compak, Bawsey Country Park, Rudd Marquees, Rural Broadband and T M Browne”.

All the money raised will go towards the running costs of the Hospice, which costs £7,500 per day to run. The Hospice provides care services free of charge to local families facing a life-limiting illness.□



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Dersingham Day Centre Jan Holt

In June Dersingham Day Centre celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a delicious meal and were then entertained in the afternoon by the Purple Angels. A day very much enjoyed by everyone. Then on the Saturday we had a stall on the Recreation



Ground with photographs of the Day Centre over the years and we also held a raffle.

On June 22nd we went to the United Services Club in Hunstanton. The roast dinner, with a choice of meats, was delicious, as were the selection of desserts that followed. A really delightful day out. And, of course, we've carried on with our usual activities of Scrabble, dominoes, Triominos, Rummicub, cards and chatting.

If you would like to know more about joining Dersingham Day Centre, then please contact Hilary Judd on 01485 524701 or 07887486739 or Maggie Langridge on 01485 543264

In loving memory of our dearest friend and chairperson Ann Saunders. Ann was a founder member of the Day Centre and we will miss her warm, happy personality so much.

"There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains" (Anon)□



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We are having a break for the last two weeks in August (18th and 25th) but back again in September.

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With parish events now restarted, our parish BBQ will be held at OLSE, Hunstanton on Saturday 20th August. All are welcome and encouraged to come along and enjoy a pleasant social gathering. See the weekly bulletins or website for more details.

Our Strawberry Tea event on Saturday 18th June at St Cecilia's was a great success. It was lovely to see so many people able to socialise and have an enjoyable afternoon.

We also have regular Rosary prayer meetings at St Cecilia's every Monday from 2pm. And there is also a Mothers' Prayers group which meet at 2.30pm on Mondays fortnightly at OLSE. We have refreshments after Mass every Sunday at OLSE, Hunstanton, and on the first Sunday of each month after Mass and on Wednesdays at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. There is also a Fair Trade stall in the meeting room at St Cecilia's on the first Sundays of the month.

The Pope's prayer intention for **August: Small Businesses** - We pray for small and medium-sized businesses amid economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

The Pope's prayer intention for **September: Abolishment of the Death Penalty** - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Our parish has been supporting the appeal for items for Ukraine, with both churches acting as collection points. There is a list of items required in the porches of both churches.

A few members of the parish have been getting together, originally to discuss the Synodal consultation, but have carried on with the meetings to discuss ways to enliven the life of the parish following the drop in attendance due to the pandemic of the last couple of years. The dates of the meetings will be published on the website and in the weekly church bulletins and anyone interested in contributing in any way is more than welcome to attend or pass on ideas.

Sr Danuta is guiding a regular parish study/discussion group at the Convent every Tuesday, 4.00-5.00pm, looking in more depth at the readings for the following Sundays. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along to any of the meetings and take part.

The Sisters at St Theresa's Convent, Sandringham Road, are now offering daily Mass at 12 noon. Please confirm with them if you intend to be present. Contact 01485 532837.

For Parish news, including Mass times and prayer requests, please see the **Parish News** page on our website. For information about live streamed Masses in the Diocese and related matters, including coronavirus updates, see the **Links** page of our website at www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org People are advised not to go to Mass if they have any symptoms, however mild. Wearing masks when coming to church is still advisable, and hand sanitiser is still provided. We now have communal singing of hymns at our Sunday Masses.

The Sunday Masses are at 9.00am at Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, and 11.00am at OLSE Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. Daily Masses are at 10.00am at Hunstanton on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 10.15am at Dersingham on Wednesdays.

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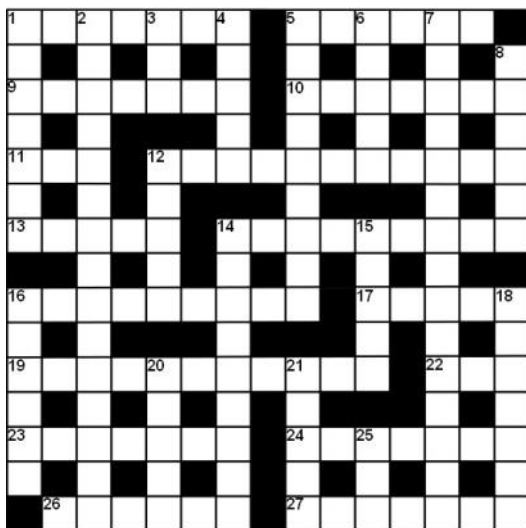
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Across

- 1 Embarrassed Harry has a bed (7)
 5 Idea to include a hip (6)
 9 Shells confused Ian – it's a gas (7)
 10 Really fed up with turncoat (7)
 11 Getting on – primarily on line dotage (3)
 12 Sort routine out for mature instructor (6,5)
 13 Inside Le Bon years for tropical wood (5)
 14 Tom Cruise fancy dresser (9)
 16 Hence Roy strangely felt cold needing consistency (9)
 17 Bean beat (5)
 19 Master and pupil combined to develop acid indicator (6,5)
 22 We English consume (3)
 23 Beer found near old city on seed layer (7)
 24 Together with song Mat composed (7)
 26 Busy sherpa looking better (6)
 27 Policeman's left upset by hairstyle (7)

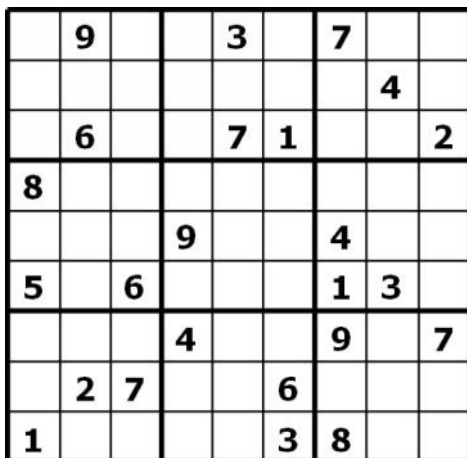


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Sudoku

Down

- 1 Pop group lost book by Doctor Noel Ormer (7)
 2 Fully equipped method E.T. operated in theatre (5,2,3,5)
 3 Egg supplier (3)
 4 Daughter drops exhaust (5)
 5 Awfully conceal lousy broadcast (9)
 6 If nut cooked it becomes inedible (5)
 7 John Collins local where I count all geckos mixed with other lizards here (8,7)
 8 More needy – or rope in a tangle (6)
 12 ...and lyres played more cunningly (5)
 14 When C.N.N. covered English opera surprisingly they came up with kitchen gadget (3,6)
 15 Traveller returned with plutonium to a higher level (5)
 16 Arrest old learners in vehicle (6)
 18 Forced to leave the aircraft (7)
 20 Nearly not ready to open (5)
 21 Factory soldier follows record heading north (5)
 25 Lyric contained in method examining verse (3)



Dersingham Methodist Church - Flower Festival

Elizabeth Batstone



132 years old - Dersingham Methodist Church looked wonderful for the anniversary celebrations! A cleaning group had made sure everything was sparkling inside and out; the

flower arrangers did wonders with their arrangements on the theme 'Miracles – God at Work'; the Church Hall was welcoming with stalls and refreshments; and Church folk smiled and welcomed all who came to visit our Flower Festival.



Year 1 children of Dersingham VA Primary School opened the flower festival with enthusiastic singing and prayers. We enjoyed seeing their drawings depicting the Feeding of the 5,000. Dersingham Rainbow Guides did a colourful display of Noah's Ark with the rainbow, and we liked looking at the different animals.

The hall was very busy on occasion with people buying from the stalls, sitting chatting and enjoying the light refreshments and some listening to the music in the church. Sheila Johnson was one of the pianists entertaining the visitors. The amount raised after expenses was £1,860.28 for Church funds; we were delighted with this excellent result.



Our minister Revd Dr Richman Ncube did not really know what a flower festival was but thoroughly enjoyed visiting. Rich led the Songs of Praise service and we were very pleased to welcome his wife Sikha and young son Ephraim. The collection raised £150 to support a project in Nyaki in Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe, where Rich is from. The project is working with a local partner organisation HEFO (Health, Education and Food Security Organisation).

Thank you to everyone who supported us. It was good to be able to celebrate and enjoy the occasion together. The main Church building may be 132 years old, but several people were surprised to see how modern it is inside! □



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Lavender Lace Day Mrs Lyn Halifax

The Lavender Lacemakers had a brilliant day on May 28th at the community centre in Hunstanton. There was plenty of tea and coffee flowing all day long, with cake in the afternoon.

The charity we were fundraising for was Tapping House Hospice and the amount raised was £1,127.32 which was presented by cheque to Victoria.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who came along on the day and supported us, and also my lace group who helped on the day to make it a success.

Next year's fundraising event has been booked for 20th May 2023. All other crafts, such as knitting and cross stitch are also welcome to attend.

Thank you everyone!!□

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A bit more about pill boxes Brian Anderson

I was interested to read the contribution about local pill boxes. Long-standing readers may recall one of my first articles about "our" pill box on Broadlands Close, written in April 2014 (Issue 87). The pill box mentioned recently is the same type as ours (an FX3 Type 22). It is located as described at grid reference TF 7145 3127. You can see it quite easily by looking east from a point very roughly halfway along the track linking Shernborne and Ling House Roads. What intrigued me was the reference to a searchlight. The records do not show a searchlight position. And if there was, why? It is not well located for coastal defence and being just one would have had a very limited anti-aircraft role. And why the pill box? Pill boxes were usually sited to give mutual support to others - not perhaps always, but this one is miles from any other. I would be very interested in any more information!□



The Daily Doings of Mrs. Dolittle



I've been sewing recently. I've got a new sewing room with lots of shelving, cardboard boxes with sprigs of lavender as an outside design, and 'stick-it' notes proclaiming the boxes' contents. Very organised. Well, it would be if the cats hadn't been using it as their overnight bedroom, so quite a few boxes have tumbled to the floor...but that is by the by.

So far as I can remember, I began sewing very young. I have memories of Mother and me, sitting in front of a two-lumps-of-coal fire during World War Two, holding a little wooden 'mushroom' over which holey socks were fitted and darning took place. I loved doing that. I also remember at primary school making and embroidering two drawstring bags out of calico – I still have them – and also knitting a loose-knit oblong and making it up into a lined bag. I chose bright orange wool and an emerald green lining. All this, under five. Then, at secondary school, I made a four-gore skirt and a school blouse gathered on a back yoke. By the time I was twelve, there were offers in *Woman* and *Woman's Own* magazines, where you sent off for a ready cut dress, and all you did was sew it up. Lovely they were too. By fifteen, I progressed to cutting out dresses and skirts from patterns. I have to say that occasionally I got so annoyed at the complexities of fitting all the bits together that quite a few creations were tossed, with force, out of the window. However, I persevered and always made my own clothes, those of my children and my ex. Maybe we did look a little home-made, but it was the 60s and 'anything went' then!

I had a crack at getting on *The Great British Sewing Bee* a couple of years back, getting as far as the final interview, but they explained they had certain obligatory criteria to deal with, and mine was 'area' – I must have been in the wrong one. Last month, I applied again. I was certain they would choose me as I am such an eccentric old woman, and they do like eccentricity to make a bit of a sparkle for the programme. Needless to say, they like to see examples of your work, so I decided (for the final interview) on one of my fantasy dolls, and a tartan jacket. I haven't made the jacket yet. I found a vintage swagger coat pattern and sent off to Bonny Scotland for a most beautiful tartan in blues, pinks and purples. It cost as much as a year's habitation fee in an old people's care home...

I thought, for once, I would do it properly by making up a 'toile' first, out of calico, to ensure it fitted. At the price of the tartan, it would be mad not to. I had forgotten how complex patterns are - I normally just throw fabric on the table and cut as I see fit, without patterns. I recalled how you can get to the end of fitting all the bits together before it resembles anything like a garment, and then it is too late if it's the wrong size. The vintage pattern was one of those. Eventually, after lots of swearing and chucking things on the floor, the jacket shape emerged. Far too small! I had gone on my current sizing, and vintage patterns were sized differently. Thank goodness I hadn't cut out the tartan! I realised then and there that I would be useless on that programme where patterns are involved. a) I doubt they would appreciate my Anglo-Saxon prowess on the swearing front, nor b) my petulant throwing and kicking of items when things go wrong.

I did get an initial telephone interview last week and one of the questions asked was, "How do you measure a crotch?" I replied, "Oh blimey – very carefully!" which I don't think was the right answer and that probably cost me the job...

For about a week, up to the jacket debacle, I fantasised about being on the programme, and had a lovely time, in my head – but thank goodness I failed to gain another interview!

My garden is glorious. I have to admit there are a lot of weeds, annoyingly transported in with the topsoil, but the beautiful blooms that I planted are just fantastic. My little secret rose garden under a long gazebo holds blooms all fat and blousy and the aroma as you descend into it is just wonderful. Remote Control Man actually did some work by totally covering over the entire back garden with special cat netting so they can't get out – nor can birds get in to be caught and tormented. The puss cats love the garden as much as I do, and spend all day out there, either hiding in the flower beds, or snoozing provocatively.

I have been having great fun in my little greenhouse, sowing flower seeds, and currently pricking them out and potting them up. I love to assess how much I am saving by growing plants instead of buying them at the garden centre. So far, around £400.00, which is not to be sniffed at – as the saying goes.



A muntjac deer got into the garden the same time as the chickens escaped their coop, and together they caused havoc with my runner beans and dahlias, but nature soon comes in with the First Aid, and they are growing on nicely again.

This morning for breakfast I cooked fresh spinach and beetroot leaves and topped them with new laid eggs from the girls. How delicious that was! There certainly is nothing like food that has been produced on your own land, even if it is only a small garden. And I ate four absolutely delicious strawberries I had grown. I so dislike those bionic things that are sold in the shops. No doubt they are better for shopkeepers as they last longer, but no, not for me.

I have actually gone off eggs, getting so many of them, so decided to make some quiches to use up the eggs 'in disguise'. Coo, they were lovely. I am just part way through the baking blind bit of another batch – and have put the half-cooked pastry to rest in the fridge for thirty minutes – so must go back to the kitchen and finish that off. Today I am doing a cheese and onion quiche. Lovely...

Enjoy this lovely weather.□

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Word Wall by Philip Neal

Sort the following into four groups of connected words. Answers on page 73

IMPRESSIONIST	BRIGHT	CLOSE	BUSKER
HOBBS	PICCADILLY	SOBERS	MONTY PYTHON
ACROBAT	CLOWN	BUG TOP	INCLEMENT
BRADMAN	DULL	CONJURER	BOTHAM

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As we continue our journey as the village's newest choir, we asked some of our team their thoughts:

What do you like about the choir as a member? I've always enjoyed singing for as long as I can remember and have belonged to choirs throughout my life. For me, the pleasure of singing in harmony together is second to none and enjoying comradeship with like-minded folk is a big bonus. So it was a great joy when, following the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and lockdown, we learned of the formation of our new choir here in Dersingham. We especially appreciate the broad mix of music, ranging from the traditional through to modern, including songs from the shows which are a joy to sing and make harmony together with. (Steve)



What are the benefits of singing, in your opinion? Although singing can be a reflection of someone's state of mind, I find that when I'm immersed in singing something and giving it my all, I can't be thinking or worrying about anything else. (Steve)

What would you say to anyone thinking of joining the choir? I guess don't think too long or hard about it nor start worrying about whether you might have a voice or not, nor the wherewithal to read music, just come along and give us a go, find your niche singing vocal range and enjoy the company of a friendly and supportive group who enjoy making harmony together! (Steve)

What do you like about the choir as a member? I enjoy meeting up with existing friends and making new ones on a weekly basis in a sociable way. (Lindsey)

What are the benefits of singing, in your opinion? Singing in a choir is not something I have done for a very long time, so it is a new challenge for me, no bad thing later in life. (Lindsey)

What would you say to anyone thinking of joining the choir? Come along and give it a try, it is very enjoyable. (Lindsey)

In the next edition of Village Voice we will be chatting to Simon, our Musical Director, and Matthew, our Accompanist. They will talk about their roles within the choir and how they see the choir evolving.

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Crossword Answers

Across

1 Abashed. 5 Haunch. 9 Ammonia. 10 De facto.
 11 Old. 12 Senior tutor. 13 Ebony. 14 Costumier.
 16 Coherency. 17 Pulse. 19 Litmus paper.
 22 Use. 23 Aleuron. 24 Amongst.
 26 Shaper. 27 Tressed.

Down

1 Abalone. 2 Armed to the teeth. 3 Hen.
 4 Drain. 5 Hideously. 6 Unfit.
 7 Cocktail lounges. 8 Poorer. 12 Slyer.
 14 Can opener. 15 Upper. 16 Collar.
 18 Ejected. 20 Unrip. 21 Plant. 25 Ode.

Word Wall Answers

Entertainers: Acrobat, Busker, Conjuror, Impressionist

Famous cricketers: Hobbs, Botham, Bradman, Sobers

Weather descriptions: Close, Inclement, Dull, Bright

Circus features: Clown, Monty Python, Big Top, Piccadilly

Sudoku Answers

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

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