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## Editor's Notes

Tony Bubb



Those of you who have visited us on the Open Gardens events will have spotted an aviary. This structure has, at one end, a shed wherein the birds' food is kept, a fact that recently came to the attention of some mice. They started by just a bit of scavenging dropped seeds, moved on to pushing packets about and ended up gnawing their way into a large sack. Enough! I called a meeting with the cat. In a frank exchange of views I told him straight that his level of service fell way below that which was expected. His blank expression told me that the "mechanical cat" must be deployed so I set three traps with a variety of baits. Next morning two substantial mice had been caught and I took this opportunity to empty and sweep out the shed. As I pulled out an old bookcase from the back, a fine item bought at one of Peter Leech's auctions (remember them?), I found a mouse nest complete with occupant. Shutting the door quickly I rounded up our dilatory feline and bunged him into the shed to deal with the occupant. He left at high speed. I repeated the exercise twice more with the same results with the rodent seizing the chance to scarper. After tidying and restoring the interior I reset the traps and retired. With a further success next morning I hoped the problem had been solved. So it was traps 4, cat nil. Now the cat, we will call him Gerry - well it is his name, had obviously been giving this some thought and over the next week produced a succession of much smaller field mice for our delectation which had probably been living in the near-by rockery. With now two clear weeks we hope this is an end of the episode.

We have a good mix of articles and stories for you this time. Our roving reporter Steve Davis has been to Cromer, as did I on a much less calm day than he did. I nearly got blown over taking this picture.

It might have escaped your attention, but the next issue is number 100 and we would like to mark this by having your memories of past editions, especially if you were featured. If you had a story then, update it now.

Otherwise it means a sixteen year wait for our 200th.

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I have now to shoehorn the last few bits into place. It's a fun job and one that will be tackled by the girls in the office next time. I will still be editing but the creative stuff moves to them and I wish them well. □



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I lived in Dersingham for eight years as a child from 1947 to 1955, and look forward to reading Village Voice online, particularly the memories of Dick Melton (whose Aunt lived next door to us). I was interested in his photo of the elephant passing Linford's shop; although I would not argue with the date attributed to the photo, an elephant certainly walked through the village in about 1950 or 1951. A touring circus (I believe it was Bertram Mills') was moving from Lynn to Hunstanton and the animal was unloaded from its lorry and walked through the village as a publicity stunt, presumably to drum up custom.

Incidentally, a much smaller and tattier circus stopped in Dersingham a year or so later. The Big Top was in a field between Balding's farm and the Dun Cow pub. I wonder if anyone else remembers it.

Thanks for the pleasure and memories the magazine brings me.

**Andrew Berry**

This is a begging letter!! If you are not already aware, we run a youth club on a Tuesday evening between 6-8pm at Dersingham Village Social Club, and due to work commitments that have unfortunately changed, we are in desperate need of more volunteers to help.

If you can spare a few hours for the children of Dersingham to keep them out of trouble and so that they can continue to catch up with their mates, please get in touch with me on 07771 675342.

You would not be required to help every week and we would arrange for you to have a DBS check.

Please help us save our youth club.

**Maria Lambert**

I wonder if anyone else has noticed the changes on the allotments in Station Road. Living just across the road from these allotments, we frequently walk through on our way around the village. Since moving here, this has always been a pleasant thing to do, viewing the wonders of nature as the seasons change and chatting to the allotment holders.

However, just recently, we have noticed a large number of constructions appearing, with one in particular so large that it now looms above the hedge, dominating the landscape and very evident from the bottom of Paige's Close.

Historically, allotments always have some rickety sheds propping one another up, which add to the natural charm but if this construction mania continues, there will soon be no soil or crops visible. At the moment, I'm not sure if they are trying to develop a "Little Calais" or the "Eden Project"! Can anyone explain the reason and purpose for the sudden appearance of all these buildings?

**Heather Titcomb**





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**DERSINGHAM VILLAGE CENTRE  
PROGRESS UPDATE  
David Collingham - chairman**



March could prove to be a significant milestone in the future of our new Village Centre project.

As previously recorded, we received approval for our Stage I Big Lottery Fund application in autumn 2015. With a lot of hard work from our Parish Council and their Working Group, the crucial Stage II funding application was submitted and we were expecting to hear the verdict by February 2016.

At the time of going to press, we have just had a visit from one of the assessors from Big Lottery and we expect an answer within days. If we succeed, the next (and final) Stage III application for £500,000 of funding will be enthusiastically put into place by our Working Group, comprised of members from the Parish Council and other Dersingham residents, including a local architect.

To achieve our aims, we need to raise over £250,000 of additional funds during 2016 and 2017. We have already launched two fund-raising schemes – Village Lottery and Village Cinema (Flicks in the Sticks?). There will be more to come, including special events, talks and concerts. We are much indebted to those in our community who are spending a great deal of time and effort to organize and support these functions.

To summarize our activities:

- ❖ **Dersingham Village Centre Lottery:** First draw March 1<sup>st</sup> at Village Voice Live, and subsequently monthly at the same event. Please support this – application forms available around the village, Parish Council office or online at: [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk).
- ❖ **Programme of Events:** including open days, Open Gardens weekend on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and an Evening with David Reeve, MVO, MBE, former Dersingham Police Chief Inspector and Chairman, Sandringham Flower Show, on Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **Village Cinema:** Regular showings to commence in the Village Hall this spring, starting with *The Lady in the Van* on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

Once again, we are indebted to the generosity of those living and working in Dersingham in helping us raise these funds in order to provide you with a fabulous, state-of-the-art facility for the benefit of the entire Dersingham community for years to come. □

### **Wolferton Singers' Concert**

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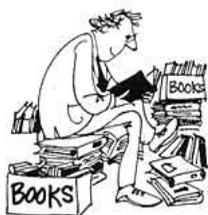
The programme will include, amongst other music, folksongs, Easter music, spirituals and will finish with Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*.

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Dersingham Tennis Club is inviting all tennis players to dust off their racquets and join the club for friendly, sociable, family or competitive tennis.

There are 2 tarmac, floodlit courts on the Sports Ground behind The Feathers and Coach and Horses pubs. Club sessions are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sundays from 10am - 1pm.

The club runs all year, but only the really keen and hardy make it in the Winter months!

By joining, you can play sociable club night tennis sessions; from those you may meet other tennis players and play outside club times eg, in the daytime; and if you wish, you could play in the numerous league matches - we currently have 2 Ladies' teams, 2 Mixed Teams and 1 Men's team. This is a good way of having more competitive matches and an opportunity to meet more of the wider tennis playing community.

The fees for 2016 are £30 per adult, £15 per child, £70 per family of 2 adults and any children under 18, £40 per family of 1 adult and any children under 18.

This covers all play throughout the year with the exception of a fee for the floodlights OUTSIDE club sessions; coaching and a minimal £1 charge per person for home matches to cover ball and refreshment expenses.

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To encourage new and returning players, we would like to invite you to a FREE fun session On Saturday 23rd April, (St. George's Day, and very British!) from 10am - approx 1pm, depending how many people turn up. We will provide tea, coffee and cake to entice you, and members will be there to make you very welcome and invite you to join and play. □



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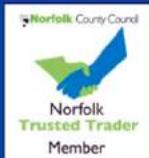
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## Dersingham Day Centre by Alice Worth



The Day Centre has been busy since I last reported and, despite some very cold Wednesdays, most Members have been able to attend each week. Some, unfortunately, have been absent through illness. Hopefully they will be back with us again soon.



On the 10<sup>th</sup> February two buses took us all to the United Services Club in Hunstanton for Lunch. This is a particularly popular venue with Members and Volunteers alike and our latest visit didn't disappoint. We had a lovely lunch followed by coffees/teas and our ever willing volunteer, Richard Fettes, was soon busy making sure everyone got served, and a fine waiter he made (see photograph). This year we have booked to hold our Easter Party there. This will mean that our cook and the volunteers who help her, will be able to have a meal cooked for them for a change. We always have Leigh Murfet to come and entertain us at our Easter Party but Leigh underwent a major operation at the beginning of the year and, as yet, we are not sure whether he

will have had clearance from his surgeon to start work again by the time of our party. In any event, we hope he and his wife will be able to join us for lunch and we are keeping our fingers crossed that he will be able to get us all singing along to his music. Now it is time for us all to get cracking on making those Easter bonnets.

We are continuing with our quiz afternoons every other month throughout the coming year as everyone seems to enjoy them.

There is keen competition between the teams as members of the winning team win a free lunch the following week.

As I write we have room for new members and anyone wishing to join the Day Centre on a Wednesday can seek recommendation from the Surgery (ask for referral to Tracy of the 'A' team), or contact me for further information on 01485 544673. We also welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer. It is a very worthwhile way of helping in the community and is also very enjoyable. Any time that you can spare would be appreciated and you are always welcome to come along on a Wednesday to see what we are all about.



Easter will soon be with us and so on behalf of the Members and Volunteers of the Day Centre,

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### Tuesday February 2nd - Cromer Through the Ages

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### Tuesday March 1st - A Highland Wandering

Trains and Scotland, what could be better? David and Judy Collingham took us on an excursion along some of the best railway journeys to be had anywhere. Starting at King's Lynn they were transported first to Edinburgh and then across to Glasgow where the West Highland Railway took them north. Magnificent scenery, isolated stations, sprinters and steam really gave us a flavour of the trip. Yes it was an organised one but, as David pointed out, all was done on scheduled services. Seasoned with poems from Judy the evening finished with some video footage of the railways in past years, stirring scenes of double headed trains breasting a 1 in 60 with clouds of pollution, or was it just steam and smoke, pouring out of the engines. All in all a very audience pleasing evening. □



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## Dersingham Evening WI – Notes for February by Christine Bemrose

Maggie Guest is, temporarily, not able to continue with her articles, so I am taking over for the time being. We look forward to her return in the near future.

The Committee started off this month with an excellent “Barnstorming” meeting which is our forward planning for individual meetings, to make sure all runs smoothly and keeps members informed. Our thanks to Maggie for her hospitality.

The subject for the February meeting was “Mrs. Hall’s Holiday” with our own (our very own) Diane Hall. Accompanied by lovely photographs, speaking without notes, Diane gave us a very enjoyable evening, talking firstly about boats, in which she and her late husband had a keen interest, and then about her recent holiday in Canada. She and her companions travelled across Canada, visiting Jasper, Banff, Whistler, Seattle (the Windy City in America) and finally Vancouver Island to see her son. This covered some beautiful scenery and wildlife.

We also had a brief talk from Davina about a new organisation which is starting in the village called Baby Basics. It was initially started in the north to provide the complete basics for new born babies. An experienced midwife found she was coming across women, some very young, who, for various reasons had, literally, nothing for their babies. At first she provided the basics from her own pocket, then turned to her local church for support and the group grew from there. The northern groups are all from cities and we are the first rural village to show interest. Members were interested and it was suggested that we would like to raise the matter again at our March meeting so as many members as possible could be informed. Thank you, Davina, for the lovely cake you brought; we enjoyed it!

Our monthly coffee morning, held at Stephanie’s, was very successful with a sale of cakes. Both craft groups continue and we are looking forward to the Western Area Craft Day, to be held in Snettisham in June. A variety of crafts are offered and it gives the various WI groups in this area a chance to meet, work, renew old friendships and make new friends. □

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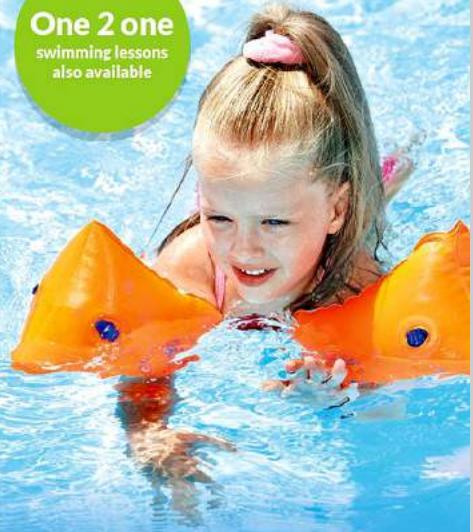
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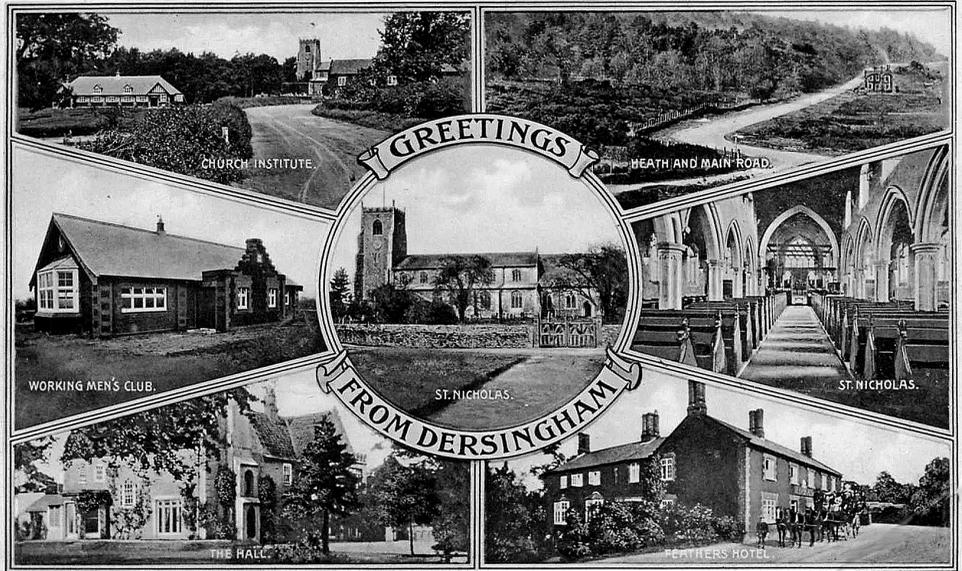
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## Old Picture Corner with Tony Bubb

One of the joys of living in a tourist area has to be the coverage by postcard publishers and what they choose to picture. Sadly, Dersingham is a bit short on great views, but with Sandringham just up the hill they could offer a reasonable selection. Composites made the best of a limited subject as this early offering shows, probably first produced around 1910.

If you wanted colour then having a painting as the source material was the way forward. Valentine's used this watercolour by J Lindsay. Not sure of the date but they said it would cost 1d postage if you had only 5 words of conventional greeting. Wish you were here? ☐



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## Dersingham Walking Group

Welcome to the Dersingham Walking Group, which provides regular guided walks round the local countryside. The days are beginning to draw out and before too long the weather should at least start to warm up. Time to get the boots on and enjoy a walk!

### Like to lead a walk or two?

Our team of leaders have been at work planning the spring and summer programme of walks, and we're sure that you're going to enjoy them. But we would like to recruit another couple of leaders to spread the load as we move into the season where we usually have at least two walks per month. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with me Stephen Martyn, or just see the leader on your next walk with the group. Full training is given, but it's not a difficult task, just pull on your boots, find a route of four or five miles (we can help with that) and say "follow me"!

All of these walks are free, just turn up on the day wearing suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Dogs are welcome, provided they're well behaved. The start point of walks is sometimes within the village, but quite often we venture a little further afield, round the North Norfolk coast or to some of the inland villages. Recently we had a delightful amble along the bank of the River Nar at Narborough and before that leader Cliff Jordan took us on some footpaths that were once part of the ancient Icknield Way, near Shernborne. There's always something new to see whatever the weather and we usually seem to be fairly lucky with that, although that's probably tempting fate!

### Details of our next walks are:

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm

**Starting point:** Sandringham Visitor Centre

Grid ref: TF 690 288 Length of walk: 4 miles.

Sandringham Sunday explorer, visiting Appleton and West Newton along the way.

**Leader:** Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm

**Starting point:** The steps of the ferry to West Lynn, signposted off King St. King's Lynn.

Grid ref: TF 615 202 Length of walk: 4 miles.

Cross the ferry (£1 fare) for a riverside boardwalk, a bridge, some pits and a loop.

**Leader:** Tony Bubb 01485 542638

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm

**Starting point:** St Mary's Church car park, Old Hunstanton (parking £1 per car).

Grid ref: TF 688 420 Length of walk: 5 miles.

An exploration of the intriguing Old Hunstanton Park, which is only open on a Thursday, after which we will traverse the nature reserve of Ringstead Downs before following footpaths back to the start point at St Mary's.

**Leader:** Steve & Lindsey Davis 01485 543138

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm Starting from Dersingham Station Grid Ref: TF 681 308

Distance: 5.5 miles Allow 3 hours

A walk down and around the Snettisham RSPB Reserve in time to catch the highest Spring Tide of the month and hopefully the opportunity to see some fine displays of waders flying into the gravel pits, not to mention the cacophony of nesting gulls.

Please note that although this walk is perhaps not suitable for dogs, any that are brought must be kept on a lead at all times on a lead at all times and not taken into the hides.

**Leader:** Steve & Lindsey Davis 01485 543138

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm**

**Starting point:** Hunstanton lighthouse. Grid ref: TF 676 420

Length of walk: 4 miles.

A coastal walk, heading through the dunes to Old Hunstanton before we return via footpaths.

**Leader:** Pat Reed 01485 540757

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm**

**Starting point:** Thornham church

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

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

**Leader:** Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

**Starting point:** St Mary's church Brancaster.

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

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

**Leader:** Pat Reed 01485 540757

You can see the full walks programme on our page at the new parish council website. Just go to [dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup/](http://dersingham.org.uk/walkinggroup/)

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

*The leaders are happy to organize and lead these walks but stress that each participant must appreciate that there are hazards associated with walking and take responsibility for their own safety. As Alfred Wainwright said "watch where you put your feet"!*

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

*Group coordinator: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333 [stephenmartyn@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmartyn@gmail.com)*



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## Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

Spring is finally beginning to appear and the children have been busy getting fit and healthy. Each class has been exploring how the brain works and discovering the best ways to learn. The younger children have made their own brain, planting learning stars inside and discovering the differences between the left and right side of the brain. The older children have had the opportunity to dissect a heart and really get to grips with this amazing muscular organ! As the children have learnt more about their incredible bodies, they have considered how to maintain health and increase fitness. Rex Pacheco launched our Keeping Healthy week, leading the children through a story full of fun and excitement as they stretched and toned! More children joined the walking bus in the mornings to squeeze in some extra exercise. Trevor Daniels and his fantastic crew rounded off the week with taster sessions of archery and handball and the children came dressed in sporty outfits. Donna Secker, with the help of her furry friends, demonstrated how to clean teeth and avoid sugary drinks and food, while the Primary Education team showed the children how to create a healthy balanced meal.



The school received a visit from the local press, to acknowledge our recent Sainsbury School Games Gold award and our Eco Schools Green award. Both are the highest standard attainable. This fabulous achievement and team effort has been co-ordinated by the Student Council, Eco Council and Sports Council, who work tirelessly for the children and school, so a big thank you goes to them.

Aquatica enjoyed their Peculiar Potions topic, with lots of story and playscript writing based on Roald Dahl. The science investigation looked at liquids running down lamps, compared solids, liquids and gases, and the children experimented to see where chocolate buttons would melt the quickest...probably in their mouths! The topic was rounded off by devising and performing a class assembly to demonstrate to parents and children all that was learned.

The next half term looks equally busy and exciting. Rivendell have come back to discover a crime scene to solve in their classroom. The children dressed in protective clothing, to ensure they didn't contaminate evidence and searched for clues to try and identify the perpetrators. Luckily for us, using their newly acquired forensic skills of fingerprint, fibre testing and mysterious substance analysis, combined with their problem solving and enquiry skills, they have solved the mystery. Their enthusiasm and excitement led to some incredible pieces of writing including reports, witness statements, letters and their own mystery story.





Land of Toys have had an awesome super hero start to the term! Captain Tentacle has set a series of tasks based around ice. The children explored how to melt ice and they made little jackets for their friends the Ice Trolls, to keep them cold. After discovering a magic key in a huge block of ice and, using new scientific knowledge, the children worked out how to melt it. The key has unlocked a path to Victorian England where the children will be meeting Florence Nightingale and other interesting characters!

Camp Half-Blood are continuing to learn about Charles Darwin and his theories of evolution and natural selection. The children have been working very

hard to create information pages to explain how certain species have adapted to suit their environments. They used iPads and information texts to carry out their research.

Aquatica and Atlantis are embarking on an exciting exploration of Mexico. They will start by exploring festivals such as ‘Day of the Dead’ and ‘Independence Day.’ They will look at the lives of different children in Mexican cities and the surrounding countryside as well as delving into ancient Mayan civilization and Mexican food! Hola Mexico!

In Water World the children are looking forward to exploring the world of ‘Tunnels’ Towers and Turrets! They will visit the library to enjoy a story to inspire their own creative writing about castles, knights, princesses and otherworldly creatures and exciting adventures!

This half term, at the Early Years site, the children will be exploring eggs and the lifecycles of hens and frogs and looking for signs of Spring. They will also be asking themselves “Why can’t we eat chocolate for breakfast?” and developing their own allotment with healthy fruit and vegetables. The children are looking forward to having a ‘Keeping Healthy Week,’ where they will learn about the benefits of yoga, with Rex Pacheco and how to keep their teeth healthy, with Donna Secker. “Heartbeeps” will be visiting the baby room for a fabulous music and movement session on the theme of Funny Bunnies!

So as Easter approaches and the days get longer, the children have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to! □



## Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny

### The Post Office



I was looking through issue no 8 of the VV for February 2001 and in it is a write up from Mr J Lindsay asking people to make more use of the Post Office. In issue no 98 Mr Fraser Lindsay is telling us that he has no idea about the future of the Post Office, which is very sad. There is also a very good photo of the old Post Office like it was after the Second World War when I can remember it best. Those days every village had a Post Office and village shop. There was one at Shernborne, West Newton and even Anmer. We had a very nice large post office at Hunstanton; we still have one but it is stuck in the back of a convenience store, which is just not the same.

The first postal round started in Dersingham in 1836 but from what location I do not know; a pony and trap took mail to Heacham at 11 am and to King's Lynn at 2 pm. A postman by the name of Isaac Bunn operated in the area in 1846 till 1864 and it is believed that he lived in Manor Road. In later years a Mr Bunn was postmaster at Sandringham. Starting in 1864 a Mr J L Alcock collected and received mail from his tailor's shop, also believed to be in Manor Road.

In 1870 a Mr A Beckett was appointed sub-Postmaster in the same house as the Post Office is in today and the road was renamed Post Office Road; then, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1899, a Mrs Alice Maud Beckett took it over and she was there until 1936.

The Post Office was then taken over by two sisters by the name of Garner or Gardiner; they stayed there until around the late 1940's when Mr and Mrs Fred Lee took it on. After Fred Lee retired it was taken over by the Baker family; it was then that a lot of alterations to the building was made to make it much bigger.

In 1979 the Post Office changed hands once again and it was taken on by Mr and Mrs John Lindsay. The size of the village had got much bigger by then so they had 3 full time and 3 part time postmen and ladies. Going back to the days when I was a lad no doubt many people in the village can remember the names of the postmen and ladies them days, like Bob Martins, Ken Martins, Cliff Riches, Mr Wells and Miss Gilson. Them days all the mail was delivered by bike and these post men would deliver to far-out places like Red Barn, Ling House and Sandpit Cottages - not good places to go to in bad weather on a bike. We also got post on Christmas Day.

It will be a sad day if Dersingham Post Office in its present location has to close down but, there, that is the way of the world and it is all down to these modern thing-me-jigs (computers and mobile phones).

### Gelham Manor and The Drift

Elizabeth Fiddick has written some very interesting articles over the years and she must take a lot of time and patience in her latest article in the Village Voice Feb 2016. She wrote about Gelham Manor and the area around The Drift.

I don't do a lot of research; most of what I write has been passed on to me by my father, grandparents and old boys from the village. I don't go back much further than the First World War, but I would just like to add a few bits about The Drift and the surrounding area.

For those people who have not lived in the village many years The Drift is the unmade lane going west from the junction of Manor Road with the Lynn Road. My father was born in the village in 1909 and for many years The Drift was the only way down to the sea. It went in a straight line coming out by the old sea wall near to where the pumping station is today. The concrete road from the station was laid down in 1942 when it was decided to plough up the marshes, as they were needed to grow crops. This concrete road went as far as the Snettisham boundary 200 yards short of the shingle pits; this is why Dersingham has no foreshore or beach. Half way down the beach road another concrete road was laid down from the beach road to link up with The Drift.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1948 my father and I biked down the marsh to watch His Majesty King George VI and Princess Margaret open the new pumping station. Then other concrete roads were built down the

marsh and a carstone road was laid down to connect the pumping station with Dersingham Beach Road.

As Elizabeth Fiddick said in her article, a lot of the fields and areas of land round Gelham Manor all had old names. The only one I can remember is a field called 'The Row Ground', that's the second large field on the right of The Drift over the railway that them days was farmed by James Jackson from High Farm. When we had the great flood on the night of January the 31<sup>st</sup> 1953, Dersingham was very lucky as the flood water stopped about 100 yards from the station and down The Drift at Gogg's Wood (the little wood) about 200 yards west of the railway line. In the September of that year a man picking blackberries in Gogg's Wood found the remains of a man that was lost in the flood, who went to live down Snettisham beach from Dersingham after the second world war. 25 people were drowned on Snettisham beach that night. The sea only came over the railway line in one place; that was on the Heacham/Hunstanton border. On that evening the 7.27 pm train from Hunstanton to Lynn ran into a beach hut on the line and stopped; it was a good job it did as a little further on the flood water had washed the line away. After a while the men on the train managed to get it going again and backed it back into Hunstanton Station.

Around the time of the 1953 flood Baulding Brothers farmed the land where the moat was and where Gelham Manor Hall had once stood. The Baulding Brothers also farmed land down the marsh and other farmers down there were: the Stantons from Manor farm; the Lincoln brothers, whose farm house and yard was in Station Road; James Jackson from High Farm; and a Mr Youngs from Ringstead. Both Mr Youngs and Mr Stanton employed marsh foremen. Mr Bird, the coalman, had a dairy and fields down the marsh for his cows; Sandringham Estates had land down there too, as did the Larrington brothers from Marsh Farm, Wolferton. After the flood crops could not be grown on the marsh for two to three years and tons of lime was spread all over it.

When I was a lad I lived at 63 Lynn Road so I was very near to the common, the Fen and The Drift. Us boys used to walk round the moat; it was a good place for wild life and it never should have been filled in, as it had been there hundreds of years and was a bit like an ancient monument. Also when I was a lad the fields on your left as you went down The Drift were all ploughed and cropped with barley, tates and sugar beet. The seventeen acres of marsh next to the by-pass that was farmed by Ken Martins had pigs on one half and crops on the other. One year Ken Martins decided to grow low beans on the field behind where he lived (Parkers Piece) but there was so many water hens on the fen that they eat a lot of the crop.

The Drift itself is in a right old state now. When the Baulding Brothers and Ken Martins farmed the fields each side as far as the railway line (by-pass) they would cut the hedges and do the dykes out once a year. They would also fill the grutts in with rubble and cinders. When I worked for Ken Martins I could bike down The Drift with two pails of swill on the handlebars and not spill a drop. Ah! Yes, they were happy days,

### One Hundredth Issue

Just one more thing before I sign off. The next issue of Dersingham Village Voice will be in June and that will be the one hundredth issue. So may I ask just one thing when Tom Bolderstone writes his article for June 2016: he puts the heading 'fen news' and not 'bog news'. As I just said the June issue will be the one hundredth and I am sure Tony will make it a good one, so let's have plenty of letters and some good old Norfolk squit. □



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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT by Cllr Sue Payne (Chair)



As I write this, we have had a chilly week with some frosts; I do not like having to scrape the ice from my car before setting off for work. Like many people, I am sure, our garage is so full of bits and pieces there is no room for the cars. However, walking in the garden I can see daffodils, some tulips, and other plants and shrubs showing signs of life. The birds are busy seeking out nest sites and are singing their hearts out. There is some warmth in the sun now, which means Spring is just around the corner.

The Parish Council has a new website [www.dersingham.org.uk](http://www.dersingham.org.uk). Check out the new website, and please put your events on the calendar. If you need any help with accessing the site or its pages, please contact the Clerk. 01485 541465; Email [clerk@dersingham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dersingham.org.uk)) Thanks to Stephen Martyn we now have a more modern, user-friendly website. It will be developed more over the coming months, and there will be a facility for people to leave comments.

Work on the new Village Centre is progressing and Village Centre Association members are busy fundraising – planning events and initiatives. If you would like to help, contact the Parish Office. Have you joined the Village Centre Lottery? Information and the application form can be found in the centre of this edition of Village Voice. You can find lots of information on the Village Centre website, please have a look- [www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk](http://www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk)

The threatened County Council cuts appear to have mostly been abandoned and Heacham Fire Station saved from the axe. We are still waiting further news on what cuts may be implemented.

Events to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth are being planned across the country; the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> has been chosen for this celebration (you may have read about the Street Party in The Mall). The Parish Council and St Nicholas PCC will be working together to mark the occasion. Watch this space.

The events calendar in the Parish Office is being filled; please let us know if you are planning something.

You will have seen the article in the last edition about the skate ramp, now dismantled. The Parish Council is planning to replace the wooden (skatelight) ramp with a concrete design, which should be less susceptible to vandalism. We will be consulting with our young people later in the year and hope to put some funding bids together as soon as possible.

Re Village Voice - Sarah and Geraldine, our staff team, will be taking on more of the work to produce Village Voice. I am grateful to Steve Davis for his help with training, and to Tony Bubb, who will continue as Editor. Roll on our special 100<sup>th</sup> edition in June. We are trying to create a complete collection of Village Voice magazines, but are missing several early editions. If you have any copies from pre 2000, please let us know.

Members of the public are very welcome at Council meetings, and have an allotted time to state their views on what the Parish Council does, and ask questions relating to the agenda. Please do come along – after all it is your money that we are spending – you will be made very welcome.

Details of Full Council, Committee, and Working Group meetings in 2016 can be found in the Parish Office window and our notice boards at the Library, opposite Budgens and Thaxters.

You can contact Sarah, the Clerk, about Parish Council matters, Village Voice, and any of the items above. Tel: 01485 541465; email: [clerk@dersingham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dersingham.org.uk) □



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# DERSINGHAM TASK FORCE

By Keith Starks

By the time you read this, the Task Force will again be busy looking after the rose bed on the corner of Post Office Road, keeping an eye out to see when the vegetation lining the public footpaths will need trimming and doing other jobs around the village as required.

## Litter-picking

Whilst mentioning the jobs we do, it is, perhaps, a good time to mention one job that we do NOT do! When the task force was started, we agreed that we did not want to be seen as a 'litter-picking party'.

Since that time the amount of rubbish to be seen littering the streets, open spaces and footpaths of the village has become even more of a problem. However, with our very limited resources (we are always wanting more people to join us), we need to make it clear that, while we will always collect litter found on the public footpaths and the open spaces (e.g. The Warren and the Common) where we do other work, we cannot undertake litter-picking along the roads and pavements of the village.

We are not involved with the Recreation Ground (the parish council pays contractors to keep this cut and tidy) nor with the Playing Field (which is the responsibility of those using it). The Borough Council is responsible for keeping the main roads in the parish (e.g. Hunstanton and Lynn Roads) looking tidy and it is up to the residents of other roads to keep them looking respectable. Above all, it is the responsibility of everyone not to deposit litter there in the first place.

## New Co-ordinator

This year we are working under the guidance of a new co-ordinator as Sue Eastmure has resigned from the role although she will still continue as a member of the group. Sue led the team from when the Task Force was established in 2004 right through to us being awarded the Mayor's Community Award last year. Her enthusiasm and sense of humour kept us going through times good and bad and we in the Task Force and the village generally owe her a great deal. Cliff Jordan was 'volunteered' to take Sue's place as co-ordinator so all relevant matters should now be referred to him.

## New Members

As I have already mentioned, we are always hoping that more volunteers will join our small (but award winning!) team as the more of us there are, the more we can do to help to keep the village looking 'ship-shape'. We are not seeking a permanent commitment but anyone who can spare a couple of hours every other Wednesday morning (particularly in the summer months) will be very welcome. If you feel you could help or you would like any further information, please contact Cliff by email (preferred) [taskforce@whiffersworld.co.uk](mailto:taskforce@whiffersworld.co.uk) or phone 541115.



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## Docking Walking Group

Docking Walking Group offer a variety of interesting walks through the year that are sociable and at a relaxed pace, giving time to take in views of countryside and sea.

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Coastal walks on the schedule take in parts of the Norfolk Coast Path between Holme and Wells, with vistas of the beaches and marshes.

Walks are usually on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 11am (occasionally followed by a congenial lunch) or 2pm, with some beginning at 6pm in summer to take advantage of fine evenings.

The group welcomes new members (no membership fee) and dogs with well-behaved owners are welcome too!

The current schedule, with meeting point details, is on Facebook and can also be found by Googling Docking Walking Group. It is advisable to call the day before to check a particular walk is on. Contact Helena Aldis on 07769 850965 or Helen Hilton on 07836 515236. □



### Number Restrictions at Hunstanton U3A

Membership at Hunstanton U3A has been growing so fast that we have become victims of our own success.

In view of the Fire Regulations at our venue, Hunstanton Community Centre, we have had to restrict the number of people at branch meetings to no more than 140 and, to avoid that number being breached, our total number of members to 200. We now have 200 members. this means that:

1. If more than 140 people come for a branch meeting, we will be obliged to turn away anyone arriving after the 140<sup>th</sup>.
2. All prospective new members will be asked to join our Waiting List.

We cannot increase the number of members able to come to meetings, but we are working to find a way to remove the 200 limit on the number of members. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that members, and prospective new members, will bear with us in the mean time.

U3A is University of the 3rd Age - available I think to over 55 years of age which means the majority of members are semi or fullyretired. There are quite a few members in our villages and we have various interest groups which operate within the main group. The smaller groups vary from IT to Art appreciation, Mah-Jong, History and various other subjects. It is the monthly main meetings that are causing the concern because of the limit on the premises of the number of people we can have. □

## How to spot a spotted flycatcher

David Bingham

By the time you read this, spring should have sprung and the first of the summer migrants will have arrived from their wintering grounds in southern Europe or Africa. I can't be sure what you will have seen so far but the much loved swallows and martins are likely to be amongst the first to be noticed. And the sharp eared amongst you will also be picking up the calls of the newly arrived warblers in gardens and hedgerows. The call of the cuckoo was once too commonplace to attract much attention but we seem to hear them less and less these days. The soft purring of turtle doves is an even rarer springtime sound because their population is in a very steep decline.

I want to introduce you to a species which, not so many years ago, were very common summer visitors to this part of Norfolk. Back when we were all learning how indispensable a fedora and bullwhip are to any aspiring archaeologist and just how amazing the average welder is at dancing, our village was the summer home to a healthy population of spotted flycatchers. As you can see from the photograph, they aren't the most colourful of birds and neither are they particularly spotty. But they more than make up for their drab colouring by their aerial agility and personality. They don't skulk but sit upright on the outer branches of trees scanning the neighbourhood for passing flying insects. When they lock onto a target they launch themselves like a fighter jet in a dogfight - twisting and turning in synch with their prey. I once saw a dead spotted flycatcher by the side of the road in Walsingham with a mayfly in its beak - total focus on the fly was not the best thing to do with cars around. Their preferred habitat is open woodland or large gardens with a scattering of mature trees. In Norfolk, churchyards were particularly favoured and they could often be seen perching on gravestones. I once thought about making a spotted flycatcher nest box for the garden. The favoured design is an open fronted box with a very narrow lip at the front. The birds disappeared before I could turn this thought into a reality and I haven't seen a spotted flycatcher in Norfolk this millennia. There will be keen birders reading this who probably know where there are still a few left in Norfolk but this isn't really the point. There was a time when spotted flycatchers were common and watching their aerobatics may have detained you for a few minutes as you walked by a churchyard but this was part of everyday life and wasn't thought of as anything special. They are now a red listed species and their population has more than halved in the last thirty years. I would say that the decline in their population has been even greater in eastern England. So if you want to spot a spotted flycatcher don't look for them in Dersingham. Nowadays I see them mainly in places like the Yorkshire or Derbyshire Dales and in the West Country. But even here they seem less common than they once were.



So why are spotted flycatchers in such trouble? Many possible reasons have been suggested. We seem to have less in the way of flying insects than we once did. Older drivers will recall a time when their cars were regularly spattered with the remains of deceased insects and this certainly appears less obvious these days. Changes in the wintering grounds of the spotted flycatcher in Africa have also been suggested as a possible reason for their decline with the spreading of the Sahara desert into the Sahel being a particular concern. The decline in traditional woodland management could be a factor but this trend is reversing. Churchyards are actually more wildlife friendly than they once were with a lot of good initiatives to improve habitats.

The gardens around Sandringham House look like ideal spotted flycatcher country. If you visit this spring keep an eye out for a perky little brown bird perched out in the open and making frequent sallies out from their lookout to chase passing insects. You may be lucky but I wouldn't put any money on you spotting a spotted flycatcher. □

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## Dersingham's New Camping and Caravanning Site

by Steve Davis



Three years ago Martin Bennett came to the April meeting of the Parish Council to present his proposed vision for acquiring and developing the then run down and abandoned Picnic Area just off the Dersingham Bypass into a camping and caravanning site. This came as something of a welcome surprise to many considering the alternative uses they had feared it might be put to. Martin did indeed manage to purchase the site and began development a year later with it opening as *Pine Cones Camping and Caravanning* in August 2015. This week I had the pleasure of visiting Martin there along with some of his staff for a chat and a look around. I actually walked



there along The Drift to the bypass, and a couple of hundred yards to the north on the opposite side.

A simple online Google search of “pine cones dersingham” will bring up, first and foremost, a link to their own comprehensive website [pineconescc.co.uk](http://pineconescc.co.uk) (with full online booking and payment facility) together with links to the major independent review sites such as [pitchup.com](http://pitchup.com), [ukcampsite.co.uk](http://ukcampsite.co.uk) and [tripadvisor.co.uk](http://tripadvisor.co.uk), all of which include glowing reviews from very satisfied

customers, citing especially the friendliness of the staff and praising the individual private luxury ‘bathroom’ facilities. In fact in two separate blocks there are a total of 16 such rooms, smartly tiled out and each containing a loo, wash basin and shower, quite a generous number by comparison, to service the 65 pitches. The pitches are a mixture of grass and hard-standing, each with its own electrical hook-up, free WiFi access and most with their own water supply and drainage, to suit the needs of the modern discerning camper and caravanner. Although Martin had initially anticipated a greater proportion of customers with caravans, he later found that just as many were coming to stay under canvas, a reflection perhaps of the fact that some notable major holiday sites within the county now no longer accept tents.



As well as the two new bathroom blocks, there is also the new reception/shop/site office from where essential grocery, including off-licence and a few camping equipment items can be purchased although, as Martin points out, many enjoy shopping in Dersingham, not to mention visiting our pubs and



more serious equipment needs can be met a short ride away in Hunstanton. Some will remember the Picnic Site's old toilet block—this has now been transformed and refurbished with one room for washing up (often the best place to exchange first hand experience of local attractions with fellow campers whilst scrubbing the dishes) and another with launderette facilities. Nestled amongst some of the onsite established pine trees is a children's adventure play area surrounded by outdoor gym/trim trail equipment for those with a few

calories to burn or, for those wanting a more leisurely country stroll with the dog perhaps, there is a gate at the south end from which access can be made onto the continuation of The Drift.

These days, no modern campsite is complete without its *Glamping* (ie glamorous camping) provision for those not wanting the burden of packing and erecting extensive equipment or towing a trailer. Here Pine Cones is no exception and, at the north end, offer three fully serviced wooden camping pods available for hire. These capture all the rustic fun of camping without any of the hassle. Alternatively further pods can be built alongside for customers, wanting a more permanent base, to purchase and pay an annual ground rent for services.



All in all, a very enjoyable visit for me. I can certainly vouch for the friendliness of the staff and thank them for their hospitality. Pine Cones seeks to be very recycling conscious and to cater for those with special access needs, which will be built upon in the year to follow as the extensive landscaping work continues to mature. Do have a look at their website ([pinecones.co.uk](http://pinecones.co.uk)) if you are able and perhaps if you have family wanting to visit, at anytime during the year, but not the room to accommodate them yourself, Pine Cones may well provide the answer. Tel: 01485 544224 □

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## OUR POST OFFICE Part 1 Elizabeth Fiddick

When I read those three words Our Post Office that made up the title of Fraser's piece in the last Village Voice I felt a great sense of sadness, unlike the feeling of anger I first felt when I heard the news that our Post Office was to be closed down. The Post Office in one form or another has been an important part of our village life for centuries. Fraser, as our present sub post master, stands at the head of a line of men and women who have taken care of delivering and collecting our letters, telegrams, parcels, overseeing our money matters and giving help and advice in many other fields stretching back through our village history.

Essential to the life of the village in times past were the carrier and the coaches and wagons that provided transport to and from neighbouring towns. From King's Lynn links could be picked up to carry passengers and goods to Norwich, to London and other major cities in our country. In 1768 a toll road had been extended from Lynn to the Dun Cow Inn in Dersingham (the present Budgen's site). From 1780 macadamised cambered roads had been introduced and provided a harder drier surface to make travel easier. This with the improved carriage designs meant that on these roads average speeds of up to 10m.p.h. could now be achieved in most weather conditions. Non turn-pike roads were often improved by local landowners to reap the benefits of enclosure and despatch their increased harvests quickly to market.

The village carrier would transport goods and passengers for a small fee to and from King's Lynn and other nearby villages. So you could make arrangements with the local man for the delivery and collection of your parcels or letters. The Norwich Directory of 1783 lists Creaf and Teal's wagon leaving Norwich for Lynn Regis each Thursday and returning on Friday at 10a.m. It would arrange for parcels to be carried on to Snettisham and no doubt would stop in Dersingham. Pigot's Directory of 1830 lists Abraham Gay's cart travelling between Lynn and Dersingham from The Bushel in King Street every Tuesday and Saturday, the market days. Abraham Gay was a Dersingham farmer who worked land close to the Cock Inn now The Feathers. In 1845 he is listed as the proprietor of The Cock Inn and a John Atkins then is the carrier leaving for Lynn on market days every Tuesday and Saturday morning at 9a.m.

In the same year one Abraham Davis takes over as the village carrier and he served the village for over thirty years in this capacity. He had been married and had one child but it seems that some tragic event occurred as for most of his life he lives alone as a single man. He died in

1899 and the vicar, Edward Penney, recalled the old man thus in the church magazine *"the quiet voice of Abraham Davis the obliging old carrier was heard for many years on the Lynn Road on market days urging on his steady old horse. Did he ever use a whip?"* I found a reference to him in the Lynn News of 1880 when Abraham Davis, carrier of Dersingham, was charged by Inspector Grimes with allowing his horse to stray on the highway at Dersingham on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Fined 1/- and 10/- costs. Abraham's grave stone with its touching verse can still be seen in our churchyard.



There were other carriers and wagons that passed through our village. If you were up early enough you could stop James Twiss' Cart and Sociable which left Snettisham at 6 every morning for The Star in Norfolk Street, King's Lynn. He would return every afternoon, Sundays excepted. Rawthorne's cart from The Black Horse Heacham also passed through every Tuesday and Saturday to The Green Dragon in Norfolk Street. Wales' Cart from Hunstanton travelled through to The Plough in

King Street and once in the town there were many coaches in Lynn that would take you or your goods on to London, Downham, Ely or Cambridge. It was even possible to travel on by water as the *Sophia*, *Volusia*, *Bee* and *Gem* left every eight days from the port at Lynn for London.

In the seventeenth century a public postal service was set up by Royal proclamation. Thomas Witherings, a London merchant, was given the task of organising regular services to run day and night along the great postal routes. Common carriers, such as Abraham, were permitted to convey letters on routes not covered by the Royal system. With the improvement of roads and the introduction of the stage coach by the 1830s letters could be delivered the morning after posting in towns more than 120 miles from London. There were also mounted Postboys on the main routes. Pigot's Directory of 1830 does not list a Post Office here but records one at Docking, one at Heacham and in Snettisham William Bany was the post master. Letters arrived here from Lynn every morning at a quarter before 12 and were despatched each afternoon at a quarter to 2. The records for Dersingham in 1836 record that the Mail Gig left for Heacham at 11 every morning and for Lynn at 2 in the afternoon.

Great improvements continued in the postal service with Rowland Hill's reforms. The existing arrangements were complex and costly. Stamp duty was charged on letters according to the number of pages and the distance travelled. If an envelope was used it had to be held up to a candle to count the pages. There were 40 different rates and as the stamp was charged on arrival a postman could take over 5 minutes to deliver each letter. Hill's solution was a low uniform charge for any distance varying only with the weight of the package. The stamp was to be paid by the sender and so the penny post emerged. Hill's invention of the adhesive stamp instead of the old franking system completed the change. The stamps would be sold by a Post Office and the cheapest current rate was 4 pence with the average charge 61/2 pence. So a Post Office became essential and usually based in already existing shops.

In 1845 you could collect your letters here from Isaac Bunn's premises at 8.30 a.m. and buy any stamps you needed for your letters to be despatched at 6p.m. every evening. Isaac Bunn served as our Post Master until about 1860. He and his wife Judah had three children. Judah died in 1851 and Isaac in 1868. Their gravestone can still be seen in the churchyard.

By 1864 the Post office was at J.L. Adcocks who is also listed as a Tailor. Letters were despatched via Lynn at 5.40p.m. Postal business had increased as financial services were expanded. A Savings Bank was established in 1861 and so we read that money orders were granted and paid at Mr. Adcock's.

By 1874 postal business continues to boom. In 1845 the Electric Telegraph Company had been formed and by 1870 the Telegraph industry became part of the Post Office and we had a new Post Master. Mr. Enoch Beckett is recorded as grocer, draper, post office and farmer. Enoch was born in 1831 in Kelsall, Cheshire. He came here with his wife Sarah, daughters Eveline 11, Alice 8 months and son Hayward 6. His older daughter Eveline died while still young but of his other daughter Alice we shall hear more later. He employed one grocer's assistant and an Arthur Beckett just 15 is described as an apprentice. Enoch would serve as our post master for the next thirty years. The Post Office is now described as a Post & Money Order and Telegraph Office and Savings Bank. London and other letters are received through Lynn by mail cart at 6.50 a.m. and despatched at 6.25 p.m.

The next innovation is recorded in 1883. London and other letters are still received and despatched via Lynn by mail cart but now there is also a Wall Box which was cleared at 5.45 each morning. Abraham Davis



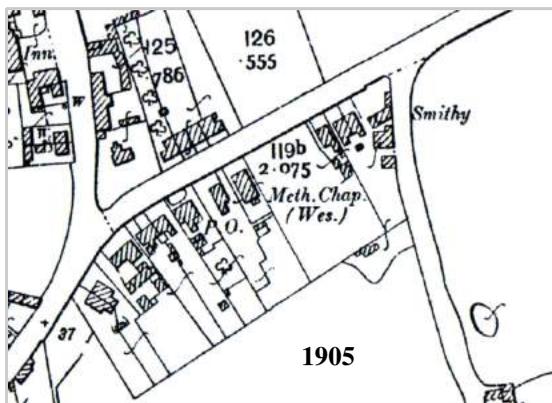
and William Flegg are the village carriers departing for Lynn each Tuesday and Saturday, returning the same day. The wall box must have proved very popular for in a short time in addition to the one at The Feathers, cleared at 6p.m. another was now to be found at the Station which was cleared at 5.45p.m. Postal Orders were introduced in 1881 and by 1883 the Parcel Post had been established. The population of the village was growing rapidly so the postal business was becoming a full time business.

The 1884 map (on previous page) of our village shows that the post office at this time was in the long cottage on the corner of King's Croft. It would seem to be from here that Isaac Bunn, J.L.Adcock, and now Enoch conducted their business. This would remain a shop for many years. In the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was known as The Stores and run by H.J. Cobbold. Later it was known as Rice's and also The Norfolk Stores and when I first came to the village there was a wine merchant here and later a laundrette before in recent times being converted to a residential dwelling.



At that time in the road we now call Post Office Road there was only the row of terraced cottages that bear the date 1883. The road at this time was called Middle Road and all the land opposite to the cottages was part of the Great Pasture. In 1884 a large part of it had been bought from an Elizabeth Banks by John Goggs, a building contractor, who lived in Dersingham Hall. John Goggs used that land as collateral and took out a mortgage of £2000. He died shortly afterwards and in 1887 the land was legally converted to building land and a firm of solicitors in

King's Lynn began the process of selling the land in separate lots to settle the mortgage on John Goggs' estate. So it was that at this time William Potter, blacksmith, bought the plot at the corner of Centre Vale and built his barn and smithy which still stand there today. At the end of the road Wern Cottages, that now include our Parish Office, have the date 1887 on them. In 1890 the foundation stone of the chapel was laid and so the house we know as The Post Office was built at this time. Certainly by 1905 the map clearly shows it in the road we know as Post Office Road. A small extension built onto the side of the large



house served as the Post Office. Enoch was by now 60 years old and it seems likely that this was when he gave up his other businesses to come to the new house. He is now referred to only as Enoch Beckett Postmaster.

Post Office business continued to grow so that by 1896 Enoch ran the Post, Money Order, Telegraph Office, Savings Bank and now an Annuity and Insurance Office as well. London and other letters were still collected and despatched via Lynn by mail cart but there was now a Sunday collection as well and the wall boxes at The Feathers and the station were now cleared twice a day.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> 1899 villagers awoke to the sad news that Enoch Beckett had died. He had been in failing health for some time but had only recently taken to his bed. He had been post master for nearly 30 years but had also been churchwarden, Chairman of the Charity Trustees and member of the Parish Council. He had introduced a choir and harmonium to the church and helped out in the early years of the Night School. This school was held three evenings a week and

instructed men and boys in Agriculture, Mensuration and Drawing. 23 students attended in 1900. I first met Enoch when I searched the census returns of this village for 1871 as he was the Enumerator and I had quite a struggle to read his writing. For such a well known village personality there were many floral tributes. The vicar, Edward Penney, who was very ill at the time sent one in remembrance of “my good old friend”. Enoch was laid to rest in the churchyard next to his beloved daughter Evaline. His daughter Alice Maud Beckett took over and became our sub postmistress for almost the next thirty years. A new era had begun. □



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## ‘Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours’

So the title song from the Australian soap goes. We’ve moved around a bit from London to Kent then to Cambridgeshire and now to Norfolk and I have to say that we have been very lucky with our neighbours and have always got on well with them. I don’t mean living on each other’s doorsteps but just knowing that in times of crisis or just a small problem I can call upon them, or them to me, for help has been very reassuring. You know the sort of thing, as newlyweds our neighbour helped put up our shed and as parents to toddlers we shared babysitting duties and even Christmas dinners. In Cambridgeshire my neighbour looked after our little boy and his Dad when I went into hospital to have our daughter. On another occasion I took my neighbour, with her dying cat, to the vet in the middle of the night. More recently the fate of a shepherd’s pie was rescued due to a borrowed potato masher.



Being a good neighbour can involve feeding a cat, taking in a parcel, keeping an eye on the house and putting the bin out when neighbours are on holiday. It’s nice to do your bit and it makes us feel good.

But I believe being a good neighbour should also stretch out into the wider community. Here in friendly Dersingham most of us offer a greeting when passing others in the street and there are many other ways to be a good neighbour. I’ve had a few suggested to me.

We are a mixed community but we do have quite a few elderly living in the village and I know they like to be independent but a gentle approach to see if there is anything you can do for them, perhaps in bad weather when they may be reluctant to go out or if you haven’t seen them for some days may be appreciated. Ensuring they have your phone number just in case they need assistance could be all the reassurance needed.

Dustbins, love or hate them they have to be put out every week but try not to block the pavements with them. The bin men are instructed to return them to the place where you leave them and please don’t leave them out longer than necessary.

Cars are sometimes parked on the pavements that are meant to be for pedestrians. The whole village is 30mph so if you think it isn’t safe to park on the road then it isn’t any safer to park on the pavements, especially for pedestrians who may have to go out into the road to pass. Just imagine a mum with a buggy and a toddler side by side, can they get by or do they have to go into the road to pass, not a safe option for them. I had exactly that problem with a car parked on a pavement that I

had to go round close to a sharp corner. Again on the car topic, you know your neighbour has a 2 to 3 door car but sometimes you think they have a whole fleet of cars the number of times they slam their car doors. Modern car doors just need to be closed not slammed.

Many of us have gravel drives that sometimes drift out onto pavements and in the dark can cause a slip or even a twisted ankle – a quick sweep every now and then resolves the problem and may save you a gravel top up. Another problem for pedestrians can be hedges, especially holly or prickly pyracantha, although looking neat and trimmed they gradually encroach on the pavement area making the pavement even narrower. Most hedges will recover if given a good cut back to the boundary line. Have a walk on the pavement outside your home, does it come up to scratch?

Dogs, well I'm always promoting cleaning up after your dog in the street but does your dog bark constantly and annoy your neighbours. Fido may be pleased to see you when you get home but your neighbour may have had to listen to him howl and bark all day, not good for man or the dog's stress levels. Dogs can be trained to be at home without howling.

Sometimes the smell of a garden bonfire heralds autumn but if you do have a bonfire in your garden then please burn only dry vegetative waste which will burn quickly with little smoke. Watch which way the wind is blowing and have a look around, has your neighbour just hung out their clean laundry to dry and don't do it on the nicest Sunday afternoon of the summer; there is always someone that does that, so annoying. All other rubbish should be taken to the tip.

If you are unable to resolve a nuisance problem by a friendly chat over the garden fence then the Borough Council is the statutory authority for dealing with nuisances, be it noise, smoke, anti-social behaviour and much more. For advice have a quick look at the Borough Council website or call the Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance (CSNN) team who will be able to advise you on the best way forward.

For further information email: [csnn@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:csnn@west-norfolk.gov.uk) or call 01553 616200.

Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours,  
That's when good neighbours become good friends. □

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**Western India** with John Geeson, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.

John Geeson lives in Norfolk and is a welcome visitor to NarVOS. John's talk is a compilation of three trips he has made to Western India over the last decade. John will focus on a mix of scenery, the birds, some mammals and a few of the architectural highlights of the Rajasthan, Gujarat and Chambal/Agra areas

**Tales from Concrete Jungles** with David Lindo, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome David Lindo, the Urban Birder of TV fame, to talk to NarVOS about the delights of birding in the built-up environment. David describes himself as: "A broadcaster, writer, naturalist, photographer, public speaker, tour leader and oh, I have been known to do the odd bit of birding!"

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The Pancake supper on the evening of Shrove Tuesday at St Cecilia's was, as usual, a very enjoyable occasion. Thanks go to the volunteers who made pancakes or helped in any way. This year's 'Women's world day of prayer' service held on 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's, Old Hunstanton was led by the Christian women of Cuba. The topic of this year's service was 'Receive children, Receive me'. Another very popular social event is St Patrick's Day Quiz at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Saturday 19 March (St Patrick's Day plus 2!). A light-hearted event with a vaguely Irish theme. All proceeds to the parish church Development fund.

There will be a coffee morning and sale at St Theresa's Convent, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, all are invited, so please come along and show your support. It is hoped that the work on the parish church will be completed before Easter. The Bishop will be coming to officially open on 7<sup>th</sup> May. There will be mass at midday then refreshments.

**Easter services will be;**

**Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30 pm at Hunstanton ;**

**Good Friday 3pm at Dersingham;**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 8pm at Hunstanton.**

Sunday services will be as normal.

Our Diocesan Lenten offerings this year will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need' and 'the Society of St Vincent de Paul'. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. - Working with local bishops, priests and Sisters in more than 140 countries around the world, it supports over 5,000 projects each year – from helping build churches to printing children's Bibles. – The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. The Society is running a Lenten initiative called Forty Days, which is seeking to help homeless young people across England and Wales.

Foodbank supplies are still required, items can be left in the porches of both churches. Please ensure that all items are well in date. Thank you for your continued support of the scheme.

There is a Fair Trade Stall at St Cecilia's after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. For more information contact Caroline Brooks on 01553 673069.

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

**Our daily Masses at Hunstanton, will be advertised on the notice boards and in the weekly bulletins, Wednesday mass is usually at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton.**

The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675. If you require a Priest urgently please telephone Fr Peter Rollings on 01553 772220 or email; parishpriest763@gmail.com □

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## The Lapwing by Carrie Carey



One of my most favourite childhood memories is taking part in the village Easter Egg Hunt. Imposing, robust women from the WI were in charge of this annual event and for two days every year the village green was peppered with sunny cut outs of daffodils, yellow chicks and Easter bunnies. Brightly dressed children clutching small paper baskets carefully crafted at Sunday School gleefully followed a trail of rabbit silhouettes in hopes of finding a chocolate reward at the end.

As a child I always associated Easter with eggs and rabbits, it's an odd combination but in truth, history suggests that hares and not rabbits were once the traditional Easter Bunny.

In the early 8<sup>th</sup> Century one of Britain's earliest scholars, the Venerable Bede, indicated that April was named after Eostre the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring. Eostre was said to have found a wounded bird which she transformed into a hare so that it could survive the winter. The hare, later to become Eostre's familiar, was able to lay eggs which it decorated each spring and left as an offering to the goddess.

In Christianity, eggs are a symbol of Christ's tomb and resurrection. Before the advent of the chocolate egg it was customary to decorate a bird's egg and gift this to family or friends. Lapwing eggs were traditionally used as they were easy to collect due to the birds being ground nesters. However, their shallow nests are similar to a hare's 'form' and, like the hare, lapwings nest on open grassland and arable farmland. Because of this, lapwing nests were often mistaken for a hare's and enforced the belief that hares lay eggs.

However, the association of hares with Eostre and paganism (disputed in some scholarly circles) appears to have been unacceptable to early Christians and the hare, deemed as an unsuitable symbol for Easter, was re-branded as a rabbit!

Easter is not the only historical link to lapwings. These birds are part of the plover family and in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century prostitutes and deceitful women were known as 'plovers' after the bird's ability to feign injury when threatened. Shakespeare and Chaucer both refer to the lapwing's deceit and treachery based on their ability to distract would-be predators with theatrical displays and piercing cries. With lapwing eggs being such a popular food choice (in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century the price for one lapwing egg equalled that of twenty gull eggs) it seems unfair that these birds were condemned so heartily for their efforts to protect them. Even Mrs Beeton got on the lapwing bandwagon producing a number of recipes including 'lapwing eggs in aspic' which was a particular favourite of Queen Victoria. The increasing demand for plover eggs meant that by the end of the 1800s lapwing numbers had all but disappeared in southern England and only began to recover after the introduction of the Lapwing Act in 1926.

Perhaps one of the most interesting facts about the lapwing is its variety of regional names. In fact, from Peasiewheep to Thiev'nig, the lapwing has more regional names than any other British bird. My favourites are Teewhuppo (Orkneys), Tick's Nicket (Shetland Isles) and Hornywinks (Devon). The true root of its name is thought to be Anglo-Saxon for 'crest' and of course the lapwing is instantly recognisable for its beautiful upswept, black crest which contrasts starkly with the iridescent green/blue plumage. This is even more noticeable when the birds are viewed wheeling and soaring in the air in a stunning aerobic display of courtship. The accompanying sound resembles a laboured, wheezy 'pee-wit' from which the bird gets another colloquial name.

Today, these amazing waders are in decline again due to loss of arable land and traditional breeding wetland areas. However, visitors to RSPB Snettisham and Titchwell will have plenty of opportunity to spot a pewit or two this spring, they are incredibly engaging so don't forget to take your camera! □

## Maritime Heritage Centre seeks more volunteers



Rescue Wooden Boats Maritime Heritage Centre at Stiffkey will be opening again at weekends and bank holidays from 5<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to welcoming new and returning visitors.

There will be new displays to view, but in the meantime, why not visit our website? There is a wealth of fascinating material, including photos and films: [www.rescuewoodenboats.com](http://www.rescuewoodenboats.com)  
As we plan for the new season, we are looking for more volunteers to join us.

Our Maritime Heritage Centre relies on our enthusiastic and friendly volunteers to keep it open and we'd like to increase the size of our volunteer team!

If you are interested in boats, history and enjoy meeting people, do get in touch with us. No experience is necessary and over the next couple of months, we are also seeking practical help. We have some wonderful boats in our care, including lifeboat *Lucy Lavers* and whelker *Harvester*. If you'd like to help with a few practical tasks before we put them in the water in the spring, please do get in touch: [info@rescuewoodenboats.com](mailto:info@rescuewoodenboats.com) / 07920 760238 □

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## Eddie's Shed or Love's Labours Lost by "Tulip"

Eddie joined the large building contractors, Murfitts, when he was fifteen. He was kitted out by his parents with good serviceable clothes with a bit of growing room in them and a strong pair of boots chosen by his father which he wore with two thick pairs of socks until his feet caught up. His job was to make the tea in the site hut and keep it warm and tidy for the men on their breaks.

After a year and a half he grew into a strong lad and became a hod carrier and in due course a proper brickie. He was a quick and conscientious worker. He moved to the carpenters' shop, where he quickly learnt the basics and progressed to fine joinery. Though the carpentry foreman was sorry to lose him, Eddie thought he'd next like to join the plumbing side and, having learnt the trade well there, finally went over to the electricians, where his keen attitude and competence promoted him in time to be foreman of the electrical department.

Eventually Eddie became Site Foreman for many Murfitt contracts, his title becoming in due course the grander one of Project Manager.

When Eddie reached 65, he retired with a gold watch and a shiny wheelbarrow containing a set of the best gardening tools. He sort of liked gardening and they might come in handy some time, you never know, so he made a suitably grateful speech of thanks and left Murfitts without regret.

He'd been looking forward to retirement for some time now and especially since reading in his paper a couple of years ago the report of an Australian psychological society putting forward the interesting idea that all men, for their health, happiness and general equilibrium, should own a shed. This should be a place entirely their own, where they could pursue their own interests and have the right of veto on all callers not clearly invited.

His own shed, all his own. Eddie thought that would be grand. During his life he had worked hard and earned his workmates' liking and respect but, in his private life, he had never been so sure



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of himself. He'd always tried to do everything that Hilda asked of him, at the start of their marriage out of love for her and their daughters, but later because it was easier to go along with her never-ending demands than to resist. New kitchens, new bathrooms, loft extension, new central heating, countless redecorations. At this stage the house was something immaculate, even for Hilda, he thought.

Now he would build his shed. It would be his own private world and his sanctuary. By happy degrees he built the shed in his mind. It would be of wood, naturally, but no allotment-style shack. This shed would show that it was built by a craftsman. A water supply, yes, for his kettle which would be always on duty for a welcome cuppa and if he invited the occasional mate in they would be refreshed too. That meant bringing in electricity by underground cable, but no problem there either.

Within a fairly short time Eddie's retirement dream became a reality, snug behind a group of Hilda's shrubs towards the end of the garden and looking as trim and sturdy as he'd hoped. He put up shelves for his kettle, mug and a tin of biscuits, designed a complicated and ingenious rack to hold his newspapers open at the sports pages and installed a small plain and sturdy electric heater. He bought a comfortable wooden chair from the local auction rooms (he'd sat in it first) while Hilda was out at her Ladies' Circle and he built a plain wooden bench in case a friend was invited. After all his work was complete he gave himself a few days in which to dwell quietly on his happiness, which enveloped him like a warm secret blanket.

Eddie said nothing to Hilda of what he was doing and she thought he was working at clearing up the back end of the garden at last. However, she eventually became irritated by his absences down the end and his evasiveness when household and general DIY chores needed doing. She became increasingly put out and one day angry enough to march Eddie down the garden to see what he'd been up to.

Arriving at the new smart shed behind the laurels, she stopped, mouth open in surprise and for once utterly speechless. Slowly she walked all round it, noted the drainpipe indicating running water and through the window saw the kettle indicating electricity. After a few moments' pause she turned towards Eddie and, to his shock and embarrassment, walked over to him and planted a big kiss on his cheek. This sort of thing hadn't happened for many years and Eddie fervently hoped it wasn't going to lead to anything else.

"Oh Eddie!" said Hilda, "you couldn't have made me a better present than this. It's what I've always wanted - a lovely little utility room in the garden!" □



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## The Sandringham Newsletter

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December is generally thought a quiet month on the Estate, but in all departments staff seemed to be as busy as ever. At the Pigeon Lofts, all the stock birds were paired up and at the end of December the first round of eggs had been laid. In a little under three weeks from laying, the baby pigeons will hatch.

Forestry staff have been gradually clearing windblown trees across the Estate, and thinning trees in various areas. Much of the timber is taken to the Sawmill for use as posts and fences and for firewood logs.

In the Gardens, most of this autumn's fallen leaves have now been collected and shredded into compost. Last year's leaf mould has been used to mulch the North Garden and its hedges. Gardeners have continued the ongoing work of repairing turf and grass verges, along with re-shaping some of the shrubbery beds to enable the planting to be gapped up. Mild conditions brought a lot of the bulbs out in the Gardens a few weeks early this year, but with many of the

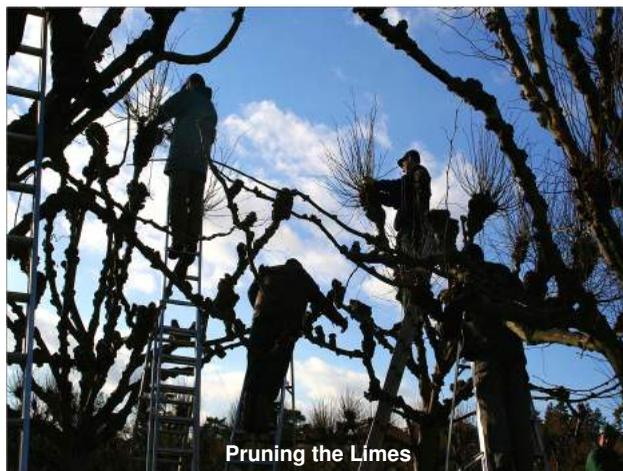
trees and shrubs also starting to blossom the following very cold spell was not helpful. Turf repairs continued into February, as the weather was mainly dry, as well as re-dressing paths with fresh gravel, and mulching beds with compost from the compost heaps. The annual tasks of pruning the red-twigged limes in the North Garden and the wall shrubs in the Walled Garden got under way in January.

Farm staff had a general tidy up and service of equipment before Christmas, as well as cutting hedges where they could, although this was more difficult

on field hedges because the weather was wet as well as mild, making it difficult to get machinery on to some fields. The sugar beet harvest was completed in January and delivered to the processing factory, and machinery was overhauled ready for sowing this year's sugar beet later in the spring. Horse manure was collected from the Royal Studs and will be spread on fields later in the season to improve fertility and soil structure. Ditches and drains are being cleared and cleaned.

The shops and restaurants at the Visitor Centre were busy in the run up to Christmas. Staff there were very pleased to welcome guests to the Norfolk Hospice's annual Light Up A Life service held in the main restaurant. Things were quieter at the Visitor Centre after Christmas, and staff used the lull to get refurbishment works and stocktaking done, to be ready for what looks likely to be a very busy season ahead in Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday year.

The House, Gardens and Museum will open to the public on Easter Saturday, 26th March; this year's exhibition in the Museum is about to go up in readiness and will feature images and memorabilia from two yachts named "Britannia" associated with the Royal Family – the Royal Yacht and King Edward VII's racing yacht. □



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## An Old Norfolk Monologue

by Allan Coleby

My grandfather, born in 1874, lived in Oulton Broad, which is geographically in Suffolk, but linguistically is in Norfolk. I can remember the heavy Norfolk dialect of my grandfather's speech, with the long, open vowels, occasional slang, and with always a confusion of present and past tenses and the wrong verb form of the third person singular. Grandfather's 'party piece' was a dialectal delivery of a monologue of events affecting rural working people. Only the framework has remained in my memory, and so I have substituted my own inventions for the forgotten details of the monologue, which I have recorded below.



"Good arfternoon. I just bin to see old 'Arry Firman at the cottage hospital. He 'a' bin in thar a good long time, so I asked him how he was. 'Warl,' he say, 'I ain't bad.' When I asked him what that meant, he say 'Warl, I'm better 'n' what I was, but I ain't as good as I was afore I was bad.'

"I told 'im he'd see a lot o' changes when he come out, 'cos we've 'ad the proper water fitted in since 'e bin away, proper Council water in pipes. I don't care for it meself. Don't seem to be no strength in it. Ya can't taste it. Ya can't even smell it. Now ya could smell my ole well water, that ya could. That's why they made me fill it in. A feller come over from the Council and took some on it away to be anloised. 'That's alive,' he say. 'That's crawlin' with 'em.' When I say 'Crawlin' with what?' he say 'Bacteriums and hanimal horganisms.' 'Ah, don't give me that ole squit,' I say. 'There's only a few tadpoles,' I say. 'We depend on 'em to 'elp out with the meat ration.'

"'E laugh at me then, 'e did, and then 'e say, 'Well, that water might be alright for bathin' in,' 'e say, 'but it ain't fit to drink.' 'Bathin'?' I say. 'I ent never 'ad more 'n' a 'andful o' baths in me life. Tha's why I never wanna go in a 'ospital. Lots o' young girls luggin' yer about and gawkin' at yer.' 'Well, how do ya get the muck off, then?' say this feller, so I say, 'Well, when tha's thick enough, it fall off, like it do orf a tater – long as it's dry, like.'

"This feller laugh agen then, so I say 'Well, ya see, we 'ad a tin bath hung on a nail on the coalhouse door, and on Friday nights, my old mother got it in the scullery, stoked up the water in the brick copper till it was 'ot and then emptied it all in this 'ere tin bath. We all 'ad to go in it one arter the other, and by the time it got to my turn it was nigh on cold, and I couldn't get in. So I allus reckon yew can do without baths.'

"He laugh agen, this feller, an' 'e went orf sayin' he'd get me some proper water to bath in and to drink. So anyway, I told 'Arry Firman 'e'd 'ave proper water in pipes when 'e got 'ome.

"I 'ad me 'air cut yesterday. There's a feller come over from Lowestoft and 'e do half the village in old Ma Ellis's scullery. 'E's got two prices, a shilling or a tanner, so's you can 'ave it either cut or notched. Only difference is when 'e's notchin', he go faster and 'e ain't quite so careful. 'E took a good chunk out o' one of Terry Yallop's ears last time 'e was over. I 'eard old Terry 'oller out, and when I went in, there 'e was 'oldin' his head over the sink and this 'ere barber chap was down on 'is 'ands and knees lookin' for the bit 'e chopped off. 'E found it behind the mangle. 'E tried to put it on again. 'If yew 'old it like that there where it come orf, it'll grow again,' he say, but it didn't work, so in the end old Terry took it 'ome with 'im in a matchbox.

"Now in the village I live in, we 'ave a Baptist church, a Strict Baptist, a Methodist and a Primitive Methodist. We also 'ave a Bethell which we call Bethesda, and a little Salvation Army 'ut made out o' corrugated iron, and I tell ya, when that rain that don't 'alf rattle.

“I’m church meself. I like music, and I used to sing in the choir, only they reckoned my voice was a bit too flat. Ya can’t see a voice, so I don’t know ‘ow it can be flat, but there y’are. Only I never got on with Mrs Rayner, ‘er who used to play the organ. ‘If you sing to a person who don’t like it,’ she say, ‘it’s like taking off his clothes on a cold day or like rubbin’ salt in a wound: Proverbs 25 verse 20.’ I couldn’t abide ‘er. I ‘ated the sights of ‘er. She was very ‘ot on the Temperance. ‘People should not drink wine or have a craving for alcohol. Alcohol is for people who are in misery,’ she say. ‘Proverbs 31 verse 2.’ Ah! I mind she seed my barrer stood outside the Black Lion one time. I bin over to get some bean-sticks from round back o’ the orchard, and I stood my barrer outside the Black Lion. I seed ‘er the next day and she starts orf at me. ‘I saw your barrow standing outside the Black Lion,’ she say, ‘and that’s not Temperance. That’s not Temperance.’ ‘But,’ I say, ‘my barrer was outside the Black Lion, but I was never inside. I was collectin’ bean-sticks out back o’ the orchard.’ ‘Don’t you tell me,’ she say. ‘I saw your barrow outside the Black Lion, and that’s not Temperance. That’s not Temperance.’

“Well, I could see there was no point in arguin’, so I bid ‘er good-day, and thought how I could get back at ‘er. Three or four days later, I took my barrer and parked it outside the front door of ‘er cottage. Right hard up against the front door of ‘er cottage I left my barrer – all night!” □

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## EXPERIENCES WHILST DOING NATIONAL SERVICE

by John Lambert

I spent 15 months of my life in Egypt and it only rained once. Mind you, when it does rain out there, there is nothing quite like it (well perhaps the monsoons!).

The old saying goes that an army great-coat will withstand 24 hours of continuous rain without leaking. I've got news for them, it doesn't!

This part of my experience takes some believing but it's absolutely true.

The way we did our guard duties was to spend 2 hours on Stag guard patrolling then 2 hours off when we tried to grab some sleep. This particular time when I came off duty, I was soaked through to the skin and the next time I went on "Stag Duty" I couldn't believe my eyes, it was a sight to behold.

As I opened the barrack room door the sight was spectacular, the whole desert area between the huts was one mass of little flowers. I suppose the seeds lay dormant for months or even years until it rains, then they quickly grow and bloom when the sun comes up, then they wither and die until the next time. Such is nature. I only wish I had had a camera then! □

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### Food Waste Bins

Some time ago, the Parish Council stocked the liners for the food waste caddies that you keep in your kitchen. Then they were sold through the Post Office when Iris Broughton took on the shop. Since the shop closed the Parish Council has been looking for an outlet that is convenient for residents. Dersingham Library came up trumps and started selling the liners very recently. Thank you Alison! The list below shows what can be recycled.

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## Bog News

by Tom Bolderstone

Since the last article it seems like spring is well and truly on the way with many warm days and lots of bird song on and around the site.

It's at this time of year we begin to finish the winter scrub works as breeding birds return to the reserve. Woodlark have already started singing on the reserve and the first bird was heard around the 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is similar to last year and it's looking like the Woodlark could get three if not four nesting attempts during the season.

One of our contractors is currently creating a bog restoration area in the mire at the Wolferton end of the site. This involves removing the thick tussocks of purple moor grass. This is done by using an old chainsaw and the tussocks are thrown in the back of our low ground pressure machine and removed off site. The purple moor grass creates quite large tussocks which shade out the other specialist bog plants such as sundew and bog asphodel. It also restricts the spread of the colourful Sphagnum mosses. Once the tussocks are removed from the site we then seed the area with plant material carefully sourced from other parts of the site. This seed then starts to colonise the bare areas and in time the specialist bog plants will once again be present in these spots.

This time of year also sees the start of the survey season with staff and volunteers starting to monitor the breeding birds on the site. There are many ways of surveying breeding birds but we use the Common Bird Census method. This has us walk a set route around a part of the site recording the species seen and heard on the route. We currently have three of these routes, which routes are walked ten times throughout the breeding season and then the results mapped. This then allows us to work out the numbers of breeding territories of each species on site. This is done by recording where there are three registrations/ records of a species in the same area. This is normally records of birds singing or alarm calling. Once we have mapped a found where there are three registrations for a given species we can then work out the number of territories. It sounds quite complicated but does give us a very detailed account of the breeding birds on site and then allows us to compare the population trends over a number of years.

One of the more unusual birds people come to see is the Golden Pheasant. This isn't quite on the reserve but can normally be seen along the roads leading from the A149 towards the crossroads near the scissors car park. The male Golden Pheasant is a bit of a supercharged version of the



Spring view across the Bog

pheasant normally seen in the UK and has a bright golden head with red, gold and blue feathers on the body and is a stunning bird to look at. It is an introduced species from Asia and is normally seen in private collections. For those birdwatchers that year list, it is quite a coveted 'tick' as the population near Dersingham Bog is self-sustaining so is considered more 'wild' than those you may see in captivity. They are quite secretive birds and spend most of their time in the undergrowth and you will often see people parked on the side of the road waiting to see them.

They are quite an attraction in January and February as people begin to tick them off on their year list and this year has seen quite a number of people looking for them. The weather this year hasn't been particularly ideal but, due to the numbers of people looking for the birds, many of the verges are now starting to get churned up and will soon become



difficult to cut, making future maintenance of the verges almost impossible. I would encourage anyone visiting the two roads for Golden Pheasant to be mindful of this and park sensibly so as not to damage the verges further and if possible park in the reserve car parks so machinery and vehicles can use the road without having to go off the road to get around vehicles.

During mid to late March many of the summer birds will be arriving to the site so it is worth keeping an eye and an ear out for Tree Pipit, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler as well as fly through migrants such as Wheatear and Ring Ouzel. Towards the end of April the first Nightjars will be arriving on site signalling the start of summer. It's not just birds you can see though recently there have been sightings of Fallow deer, including a white one, Roe deer and as the weather warms up the first butterflies and dragonflies will be seen on the wing. The cattle now number 11 and the last calf was born a couple of weeks ago. The cows are roaming around the reserve making the most of the warm weather and the growing grass. As always a reminder to keep your dog on a lead on the site, particularly with the bird breeding season beginning and many birds nesting on the ground. Hopefully the spring will be warm and I look forward to seeing some of you out enjoying the wonderful wildlife Dersingham Bog NNR has to offer. □

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## Dersingham Library News from Alison Thorne



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- Dersingham library – Email Basics – 13th/20th April 2-4pm
- Dersingham Library – Internet beginners – 27th April 2-4pm
- Hunstanton Library – Email taster 21st March 2-4pm
- Hunstanton Library – Internet beginners 11th April 2-4pm
- Lynn Library – Online basics – 8th/15th March 10-12am

CHARGEABLE Courses (£5 per session) planned for early 2016 are:

- Dersingham Library – Ipad/tablets course – 3 x 3 hour course 9-12am on Monday 7th/14th/21st March. £15 per person for three sessions. Booking essential.
- Dersingham Library – Ipad/tablets course – 3 x 3 hour course 9-12am on Monday 9th/16th/23rd May. £15 per person for three sessions. Booking essential.
- Dersingham Library – Facebook – 9th March 2-4pm
- Dersingham Library – Word taster – 16th March 2-4pm
- Hunstanton Library – Spreadsheets taster – 14th March 2-4pm
- Hunstanton Library – Facebook taster – 14th April 2-4pm

To find out more about any of these courses, to book a place or what else your local library may be able to offer contact the numbers below:

- Dersingham Library – 01485 540181
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### **Baby bounce and rhyme with Jen**

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### **Regular events**

- Every Monday 1.30-3pm Scrabble club
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of month 6-7pm Crime Book Club
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of Month 6-7pm Book club
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of month 10.30-12noon Colour yourself calm
- Every Thursday 10.30-12noon Knit and natter group

**From 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be selling Food Waste Bags at the library. £2 per roll.**

Coming soon.... Walk and talk book club, How to lose weight well, and E-book and E-magazine tasters.

Happy Reading ☐

## A Word from the Ward Judy Collingham - ward councilor



It is already March as I write this and time to think of Spring and the beauty that surrounds us in this glorious part of the world.

The issue of devolution has taken up a lot of Borough Council time: the initiative will deliver more control over local affairs to the devolved authority. Hopefully this will mean we have greater say in our transport infrastructure, building projects and economic regeneration generally.

I am pleased to see the Village Centre project making progress, though I am aware there is a long way to go. You can help with fund raising by buying a lottery ticket; we had our first draw tonight at Village Voice Live and the lucky first prizewinner drew nearly £40 for a £5 stake. This lottery is monthly so plenty of opportunity to be a winner in the future and the more contributors the greater the prize money. Let's face it, we all have a better chance of winning in this lottery than the Big One.

As well as my work on the Council, I am proud to be Chair of Dersingham Tennis Club; we are developing a programme of training sessions and social events to take full advantage of our courts. Anyone is welcome to come along, but there is an advantage in being a signed up member in that play is free, and training sessions will be at a reduced cost. The maintenance team have been out keeping the area round the courts weed free, and I would ask anyone seeing glass or rubbish in the immediate area to pick it up or call me and I will. We should be proud of our Sports Ground generally and our new(ish) tennis courts and let us keep them as a testament to the best our village can be. The tennis club has made a modest contribution to the new hard standing parking and we are grateful to the Sports Ground Committee who has provided most of the finance and got this project completed.

My last word is about Open Gardens which event happens as usual at the end of May during the late Spring Bank Holiday, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. As ever I should be grateful for any help with ticket sales and with the catering. Of course if you have a garden you wish to display to the public, then I should also be delighted to hear from you. My details are below.  
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## Tom's War by Brian Anderson

Tom Pinion was my father-in-law. He was captured by the Japanese in Singapore in 1942 and spent the rest of the war in captivity. This is his story.

Tom joined the Territorials in 1939, just before the outbreak of the war. He said he knew the war was coming and wanted to be called up with people he knew. He was drafted into 135 Herts. Yeomanry Field Regiment Royal Artillery. Almost immediately he became batman to Captain Samuel Egar - "Sammy". Sammy kept a detailed diary (unpublished) of the whole of his time in the Far East and this has proved invaluable in reconstructing many of the events of the period.

The regiment spent time in many locations, including at West Runton and High Kelling in Norfolk and then in the Midlands, Northern England and Scotland. On 30th October 1941 the regiment embarked on the Polish ship MV Sobieski, sailing from Gourock on the Clyde bound for Halifax Nova Scotia. The Sobieski arrived on 9th November. On the 11th they embarked on the USS Mount Vernon. At the time, the destination was not the Far East as the war there (as far as Britain was concerned) hadn't yet started but was the Middle East. They went via Trinidad, Cape Town (arrived 9th December 1941, two days after Pearl Harbour) and Mombasa, arriving there on Christmas Day - Tom's only



recollection of Mombasa was of the size of the beer bottles, one of which was enough to serve four men generously. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour and began their campaign in South-east Asia the whole division was rerouted to Singapore. After a brief stop at the Maldives, they arrived in Singapore on 13th January 1942.

At this point Tom and Sammy's stories diverge - as Tom was a batman he stayed in the rear area (Singapore) while Sammy went up country into Malaya with the artillery, engaging the Japanese forces between 22nd and 26th January. There was much hard fighting, but it was a losing battle, not least because they had no air or naval cover (the Prince of Wales and the Repulse had recently been sunk by Japanese air attack) and the island had effectively no landward defences. It was this lack of cover that led Tom in later years to blame Churchill for the failure of the campaign. Some years ago I had the opportunity to raise this with Professor Richard Holmes, a military historian. He told me that this view was widespread amongst those who were captured in Singapore and that *strategically* Churchill should have seen it coming but *tactically* it couldn't really have been predicted.

Eventually the British and Imperial forces fell back to the island and surrendered on 15th February. Tom and Sammy were reunited at this point. It's worth quoting directly from Sammy's diary here:

*Gunner Pinion - a faithful servant since the beginning of the war, looked after me, my kit and belongings, just like nobody's business and it was largely due to him that several of my nick-nacks (sic) were saved, that I always got a meal when at all possible and had no need to think about my own things at all - a good batman is an absolute treasure - he certainly was.*

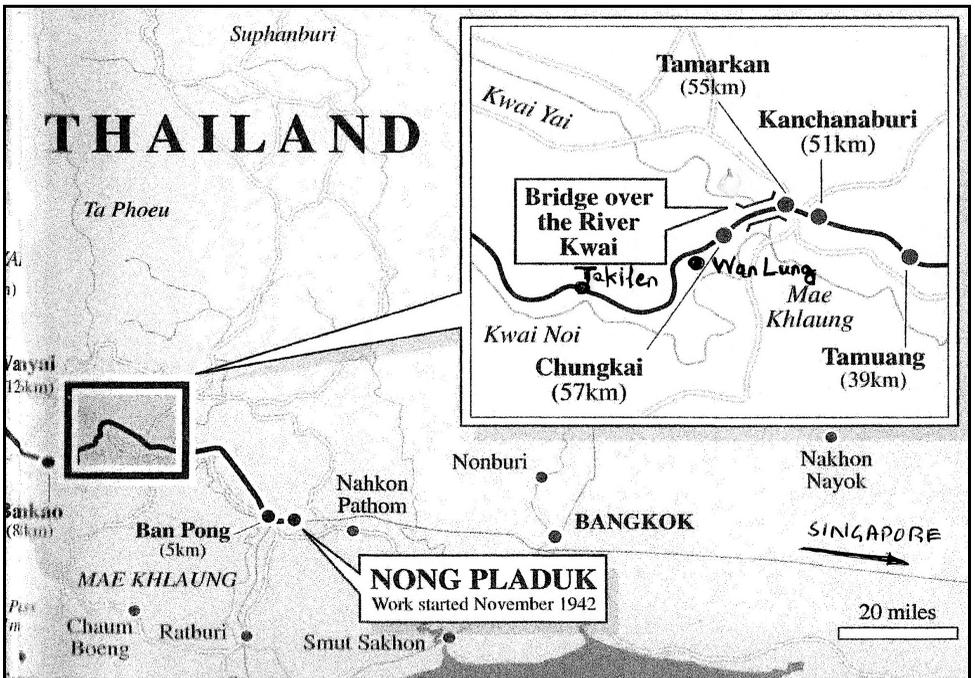
The POWs were now confined to Changi and the surrounding area. At this point rations were not too bad but heavily dominated by rice (17 oz per prisoner per day) with meat being 4 oz per week together with very small amounts of flour, jam, tea, salt and tea. Very occasionally the ration was supplemented with eggs, duck and beef. The Japanese permitted Changi and the surrounding area to be cultivated for vegetable growing. Tom and Sammy's unit was allocated 3100 sq yards for this

and grew sweet potatoes, pineapples, tapioca and *kang kong* - I had to look this up - it's also known as Chinese water spinach and is eaten widely in South-east Asia. It seems clear that the growing of the vegetables contributed to a lack of cases of scurvy in this period. Comments in Sammy's diary around this time show as much irritation with the senior British officers as with the Japanese, as the former seemed to be permanently engaged in reorganising the growing plots, the sleeping quarters and the cook-houses.

Around the middle of July 1942 Royal Artillery units started to be moved up country although it wasn't until October that Sammy and Tom's company moved up by train. The first stop was Ban Pong, about 35 miles from Bangkok. The conditions were filthy and a number a prisoners were suffering from illness, most notably sores, bronchitis and dysentery. By 5th November 1942 they had moved up to Kanchanburi, another 20 or so miles as far as I can reckon from the various maps, to find another quagmire of a camp. They then crossed the River Meenam by towed barge to Chungkai. The weather and the camp (actually nearby at Wan Lung) were atrocious - incessant rain made the camp at least ankle deep in mud.

Around this time Tom and Sammy were separated as the Japanese split officers from men to make up working parties for the infamous Burma-Thailand railway. Sammy regretted losing Tom but had various other men as replacements - reading between the lines not quite up to Tom's standard!

Tom went further up country some 50 miles to Takilen to work on the railway. This was gruelling work on an inadequate diet as many of the accounts of this period testify. Virtually everything was done by hand - digging the cuttings, raising the embankments, laying the track, building the bridges. Tom was lucky in one respect: for most of this period his work party was under the command of a Japanese officer who had been educated in Britain and allowed the men to rest in the afternoons after a morning's work. Nonetheless, the effort sapped them and ill-health was rife. Tom recalled that the Japanese soldiers themselves had effectively the same diet as the prisoners and also the same health problems. The Korean guards (at the bottom of the pecking order in the Imperial Japanese Army) were often brutal and the Japanese officer often had them





physically disciplined for ill-treating the prisoners. It is hard for us to understand the disciplinary system of the Japanese - orders had to be obeyed without question and at whatever cost. The officer commanding Tom's unit was a considerable rarity.

But work took its toll. In March 1943 Tom was sent back to Wan Lung with a leg ulcer. He met Sammy again and Sammy's diary records that the ulcer was very slow to heal. Tom remembered going down to the river to wash the leg but by the time he got back it was filthy again due to the mud. He was eventually sent back to Takilen. Towards the end of 1943 he was back with more ulcers, fever and scabies. He remained in hospital in Chungkai for nearly five months with Sammy expressing concern and wondering what he could do to help. In May 1944 Tom was sent back to Takilen and continued to work there for the remainder of the war. Sammy's diary records an increasing number of deaths of prisoners - amputations following severe leg ulceration, malaria, beri-beri, dysentery, cholera and vitaminosis.

By now the war was inexorably swinging against the Japanese and by early August 1945 it was over. Sammy was told on 17th August - probably Tom was told around the same time. His work party of prisoners was

put to work by allied relief teams to construct an airstrip which allowed them to be evacuated by Dakota transport aircraft to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) where he was reunited with Sammy and thence by ship back to Britain, stopping at Suez on the way.

Although some prisoners had (by the construction and use of highly illicit radios) kept up with some of the war news elsewhere, Tom had no knowledge of external events - he knew nothing of El Alamein, D-Day, Stalingrad or the death of Hitler. Most poignantly, he did not know that his mother had died during his captivity.

After the war he kept in touch with Sammy and, after Sammy died, his widow.

Tom always felt that he was a small cog in a big machine, but the big machine was made of small cogs and his generation gave us the world we have today, a world that for all its problems is incomparably better than if the Axis powers had not been defeated.

Tom died on 30th January 2016. I had been working on this article for some months and deeply regret that he was unable to see the final text. □



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## A Grand Day Out in Cromer by Steve Davis



Getting over a recent hernia op (my second!), I'd been told to take things easy and not to drive until I could comfortably do an emergency stop, the very thought of which made me wince! Slowly but surely I am getting back into walking, albeit not quite up to my normal stride, though I think that riding the bike may be a little further away yet! What it has

made me really appreciate is the excellent bus service we have here through the village and, having much more time to spare, rediscovered the joy of using them. From Thaxters we can be up to Sandringham on the hourly service in just a few minutes and, at times, seven buses an hour can take us up to Sunny Hunny to check that all is well with our beach hut and for a stroll along the prom. Of course I realise that the bus companies are in earnest competition at present, so perhaps such abundant provision can't last but it's good to make the most of it whilst it does. Use it or lose it, as they say. Now that the Coasthopper service goes through Dersingham, this has made a big difference to us, even if those travelling from Lynn are perhaps less enthused. It took 48 minutes to get from Thaxters to Titchwell RSPB on the Coasthopper and, after spending a very happy day there, I started to wonder how feasible it would be to have a day out in Cromer by bus. Consulting the timetable later that day it appeared that we could manage a visit of just over four hours actually there; just about right for what I had in mind.

So it was that, on a cool but bright morning this week, my wife and I caught the 9:37am Coasthopper from Thaxters to Cromer with the prospect of a two hour and twenty minute journey ahead of us. This is, of course, the earliest weekday service for which bus passes can be used, for those of us fortunate enough to have them, though there is one an hour earlier at 8:37am



(which also runs on Saturday when a bus pass could be used). It is also worth pointing out here that Coasthoppers do include a few minutes rest stop at Hunstanton Bus Station and Wells-next-the-Sea, The Buttlands; time enough to pop across to the Public Loos should the need arise! It might not quite have been coach-class comfort but, as one who would normally drive, it was a treat to be able to look out of the window to follow the coastline along though, opting for the sideways facing seats at the front, the fast moving hedgerows flashing past in front of my eyes did make me a bit squiffy after a time!



We arrived in Cromer at the Cadogan Road Terminus at the west end of the main town on the dot of the scheduled 11:55am. From there it was just a very short walk toward the main shops before turning left down Garden Street and straight into the smartly refurbished *Mary Jane's Fish Bar* for an early lunch, rather different from having to wait in the long queue of discerning customers witnessed outside in high season. We each chose



the weekday Senior Special: a modest plateful of deliciously satisfying fish, chips and mushy peas with a cup of tea for £6.50. Just what we needed prior to our planned walk.

Continuing along Garden Street to the sea front and down onto the Esplanade, we decided, on this occasion, not to bother with our usual stroll along the pier as there was some fairly extensive facelift work in progress around the entrance and so headed east along the Esplanade until it eventually runs out a little way past the RNLI Henry Blogg Museum,

past the line of beach huts and onto the beach. Trekking along the coarse shingle can be quite demanding, but fortunately the tide was low leaving plenty of easier going sand-flats exposed, which also catches more sun away from the deep shadow cast by the otherwise interesting cliff face, as well as easing the negotiation of an assortment of sea defence groins. After a couple of

miles, another piece of esplanade emerges against the cliffs and just a little way along there a fairly steep concrete path goes up the cliff; however, just a few steps further on, a less arduous tarmacked roadway leads up the cliff. At the top both tracks bring you out just past a car park area, where there is usually an ice cream van, even on this otherwise cool far-from-ice-creamy sort of day, and a public loo block, which unfortunately was not open on weekdays during the winter months.



The good news however for us on this particular day was that this was the point where the sun

really came out as we started our very pleasant undulating trek back along the cliff-top path. The gorse bushes were in full flower and the views inland and alongside the golf-course, as well as out to sea and along back toward the pier all made quite a picture before we were making our descent back into town, a little over four miles in all. This left us with plenty of time to look in our favourite shops along Church Street, including 'K' Hardware, an Aladdin's Cave selling all you could possibly want in the way of tools and kitchenware, not to mention a ride in the glass-lift up to the toy department on the 1st floor. Time left for a visit, down the very narrow, quaint and laughably called High Street, to *Buttercups Tearoom* for their afternoon special, a cup of tea and

toasted teacake for £3 and a read of the supplied daily papers before the short stroll back for the final 4:12pm bus all the way back to Dersingham. Admittedly a more comfortable seat might have easily coaxed me into slumber for the two and a half hour journey home but hey, with still £1 change out of a £20 note, who says I don't know how to give a girl a grand day out eh?!

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## Dersingham Methodist Church News from Elizabeth Batstone

Our January and February coffee mornings were very well attended and raised over £500 towards our Flower Festival. The cake stall was as always extremely busy, as was the jigsaw and book stall. People do like browsing through the bric-a-brac stall and finding something of interest or a bargain. Many people like to buy the attractive hand-made cards, and the Easter cards were very popular. The Fair Trade products ranging from biscuits, chocolate bars, dried fruit, cereals, to gardening gloves and kitchen gloves, is another interesting stall. And we must not forget the excellent choice of cakes, scones and sausage rolls together with coffee or tea. There's usually a queue for these!

We look forward to seeing you for the next coffee mornings on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March** when funds will be divided equally between the Stroke Association and Church Funds and **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** when funds raised will be divided equally between Guide Dogs for the Blind and Church funds.

Easter services are as follows: **Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** 10.00 a.m. meditation, followed by joining if desired the walk of witness round the village. **Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March** services at 10.30 and 6.00 p.m.

Plans are already being made for our **Annual Flower Festival, from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. The theme is 'Have you heard the story about ....?' On Thursday to Saturday we will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and there will be stalls selling books, cards, cakes, gifts, Fair Trade products, plants, as well as serving coffee, tea, cakes and of course lunches.

The 10.30 a.m. Sunday service will be led by the Rev Kim Nally. We will be open between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. for people to see the flowers and enjoy a cup of tea. The final celebration will be at 6.00 p.m. for an ecumenical Songs of Praise Service led by our minister Rev Steve Oliver.

Please make a note of this in your diaries and support our celebrations. We hope to raise funds for the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and Church funds.

For more details of any of our church activities please ring 01485 541068 or email: pebatstone@gmail.net. □



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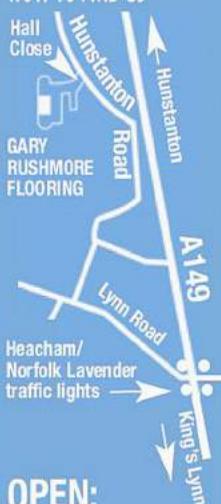
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## The Daily Doings of Mrs Dolittle (a.k.a. Valerie Anckorn)



My rant for the day is Charities-Who-Send-You-Gifts. I think most of us have charities that we subscribe to, and no doubt we would ALL love to send zillions of pounds to every charity and their worthy causes – had we a glut to give away. But, I get really, really mad when unasked for beggings come through my door with their giveaways. Today I got three cards and a note pad from a cancer charity and a bunch of stuff from a cat charity. Three cards, a coaster, a pen. All those giveaways cost money (unless they are donated by big firms) – the money that has been donated by you or me to help the needy cause. I don't understand the logic in it at all. None of us want the cards, or pens or key rings do we – so why not keep it for the cause? Enough said.

I've not much to report, except I have finished writing my book and have a publisher coming to see me at the end of the month. Whether or not they will take it on, I don't know – but the fact they are coming shows promise, doesn't it? No, I am not excited, because nothing has happened yet. But, fingers crossed.

I'm a great believer in the disputed fact that our loved ones can 'get in touch' after they have departed their mortal coil. After I had finished writing my novel, I got a bit dejected. I had spent nine months working hard to produce my 'baby' and once it was delivered I was thinking, is it any good? Is it rubbish? Will I find a publisher?

Well, a photo of my grandfather fell off the wall. There was no reason why it should, the string wasn't broken, the nail still in place, nobody had been walking around, no earthquakes occurring. My granddad was an author, poet and Fleet Street Editor. I immediately thought, ah, this is a message about my novel from my lovely granddad. But, does it mean, 'You've done a grand job and you will find a publisher,' or alternatively, 'It's dreadful. Forget about it and shove it in the back of the drawer.' See, you can't win, can you? A voice from beyond the veil and you can't decide what the message is! I am just looking on it that my Granddad was just popping in for a moment and perhaps applauding my efforts.

Because I have been so busy chained to my computer, enjoying my heroine's romance, I have little else to write about, having gone nowhere, and done nothing since November, so for this page I have been in reflective mood and remembering some of the wonderful things I have done in my life.

One that popped into my head was the time I joined in the vendage in Switzerland. Picking grapes down an almost perpendicular vineyard on the sides of a mountain. It was October, and I was picked up in the morning by a farm truck, with other locals and driven to the area where we were to work. It was October, so the mornings were very chilly – as they are in mountainous areas until the sun peeps over the top of the peaks. Then, it gets really hot. So I had to dress warmly, with layers to peel off as the day



heated up.

The grape vines were kept quite short – about chest height I suppose – and I was given some secateurs and a box and shown my row. We all had our own rows. Because it was so steep, it was awkward, and I found the best way was to work backwards, snipping the bunches of grapes off the vine and laying them carefully in the box. I can tell you, there is nothing more wonderful than holding a bunch of fresh grapes above your face and sinking your teeth into them. Absolutely delicious!

I had to keep checking as I worked backwards because the land was terraced, with no barriers, so I needed to see how near to the edge I was so I didn't fall off the face of the mountain!

I had taken some sandwiches, but was invited to join the rest of the gang under the trees, where a blanket had been spread out and all sorts of delicacies had been pooled and spread out for us all to dig into. My French was improving, so I managed to talk a bit with the others, and it was lovely to be included.

On the final day when the crop was brought in, we were all invited up to the owner's large house for lunch. I was introduced to 'Le Monseur' who asked me if I would like to see how he made his red wine. Most of the grapes went to a collective for wine, but he always kept enough to make his own wine for the family. He took me into a large cool and clean barn, where a vat held a load of fermenting black grapes. They looked disgusting and didn't smell very nice either – the mould lurked on the surface. I don't remember the process now (I don't think he 'trod' them!) but I enjoyed being shown, feeling very privileged, but the best part was yet to come.

Le Monseur escorted me back into the farmhouse – a proper log type Swiss house – and showed me into the huge kitchen where the gang sat around a very large table. In the fireplace was a roaring fire, with some kind of metal contraption that held a large disk of cheese. This was being melted, bit-by-bit, in front of the flames of the fire, and one by one, the melted cheese was put onto a plate with some boiled potatoes and given to one of the guests. There was lots of salad on the table to dip into. You can imagine, it took a lot of melting and time, but I don't think I have ever tasted anything so delicious – or seen such beautiful views as I ate – the mountains were painted all shades of hazy purple in the distance, the sky a vivid blue, with the sun shining down. The cheese was called raclette – and consequently that was what the meal was also named.

I have some lovely photos of the vendage somewhere in my archives and have spent an age searching for them to no avail – no doubt they will turn up after this article is printed.

Well, back to the present now and girding my loins for the publisher's visit. Till next time. □



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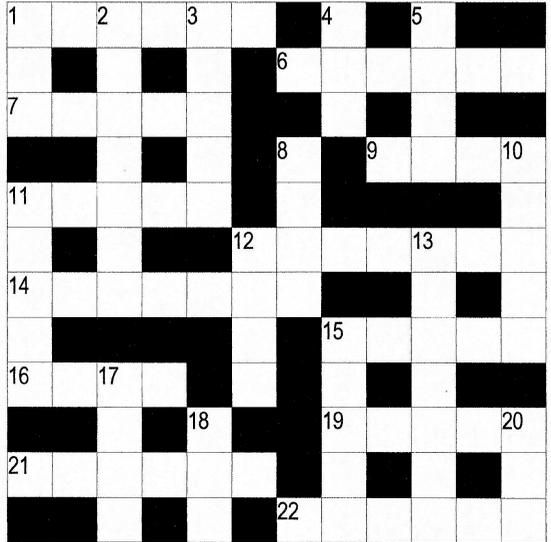
## Crossword 1 by Barry Beales

### Across:

1. Not vegetable or mineral. 6. Charity jump. 7. Mixed up Roman, local road.  
 9. Oxford river. 11. In suspense.  
 12. Dersingham is one. 14. Commanded.  
 15. To declare. 16. Practice boxing.  
 19. Floral chain. 21. Striped horses.  
 22. There's a grand one in America

### Down:

1. Provide with weapon. 2. Set fire to.  
 3. Pungent. 4. Mire. 5. Gets older.  
 8. Gave money for. 10. Root vegetable.  
 11. These were made for walking. 12. Bar.  
 13. Aptitude. 15. Russian spirit. 17. They thanked us for the music. 18. Uncooked.



## Word Wall 14 by Philip Neal

Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words:

ANGER	MANDARIN	PEA	BITTERN
GOLDENEYE	PINE	EAR	WIGEON
KINGFISHER	GAME	CHEST	BRAZIL
TEAL	MALLARD	DWIGHT D EISENHOWER	LESS

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

## Word Ladder

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

WORM	HEAD
CASE	CASE



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## Dersingham Institute Bowls Club

Weather permitting the green will open on Saturday 14th April, almost 7 months to the day since it closed at the end of the 2015 season. Within days of the green closing Dickie Murrell, our groundsman, started preparing it for the 2016 season! The fortnightly Wednesday Winter Warmer sessions began and many of our bowlers decamped to the Oasis Indoor Bowls Club for the winter!



In October we came together for our Annual presentation lunch at Le Strange and, as our Chairman commented, it was encouraging to see a number of new names on the trophies, reflecting both the depth and quality of the bowlers we have within the Club. In December and for the second year we exhibited a Christmas tree in the Church beautifully decorated by a number of our lady bowlers.

So hopefully with the worst of the winter behind us and the days getting noticeably longer we look forward to meeting up again. With the addition of several pieces of new equipment including a secondhand Sisis Supaturfman aerator and a lot of hard work from Dickie and his team during the closed season, the green is looking immaculate and ready for our President to bowl the first wood of the season.

Prior to the opening two morning working parties have been organised for the 2nd and 9th of April starting at 0900. The Treasurer will also be in attendance on those dates so members will have the opportunity to renew their membership at the same time.

Here's to a good summer and another enjoyable season! □



## St Nicholas Church News

### April Events:

**On April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm we will be welcoming our new Rector the Reverend Mark Capron and his wife Helen and two sons Joel & Natham. . Mark is joining us from Carlton Colville, Suffolk. The Institution will be done by the Right Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, Bishop of Kings Lynn.

**16<sup>th</sup> April** - 7.30pm in Church – **Hunstanton Community Choir**  
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**23<sup>rd</sup> April** - 9am in Church Hall – **Grand Sale**  
Items for sale can be taken to the Church Hall on the Friday morning from 9am onwards.



### Events During 2016

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Dersingham Open Gardens & Art Trail

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June** – we will be celebrating the Queens birthday – look out for further details

**14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Festival of Flowers

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Keith Skipper & Ian Perryman in Concert

**12<sup>th</sup> November** – Marham Military Wives Concert in Church

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Tree Festival.

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## Crossword

**Across** 1. animal 6. bungee 7. manor. 9. Isis 11. bated 12. village 14. ordered  
15. voice 16. spar 19. daisy 21. zebras 22. canyon

**Down** 1. arm 2. ignited 3. acrid 4. mud 5. ages 8. paid 10. swede 11. boots  
12. veto 13. ability 15. vodka 17. Abba 18. raw 20. yen

## Word Wall

End.. :Anger, Ear, Game, Less.

Steam Engines : Mallard, Kingfisher , Bittern, Dwight D Eisenhower.

Ducks: Mandarin, Wigeon, Teal, Goldeneye.

..nuts: Pea, Brazil, Chest, Pine.

Sudoku No 47 solution												
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5	9	2	4	7	6	8	1	3				
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