

Number 102

October-November 2016

Village Voice

The Dersingham Magazine



Full of Autumn Goodies

BULBS



**SPRING
FLOWERING
BULBS**

**PLANT THEM
NOW FOR
SPRING COLOUR**

Daffodils, Tulips, Crocus,
Hyacinths, Alliums and many
more.

**AUTUMN &
WINTER
PANSIES
&
CYCLAMEN**

**CHRISTMAS
WONDERLAND
OPENS EARLY
OCTOBER**

Come and see our all
new display of
decorations for the
home and garden.

OPEN: 8-6 DAILY
Tel: 01485 541514
www.thaxters.co.uk



Thaxters
Garden Centre & Coffee Shop

49 Hunstanton Rd,
Dersingham,
Kings Lynn
Norfolk
PE31 6NA

Editor's Notes

Tony Bubb



You know summer is over when they start promoting the Last Night of the Proms, in fact it almost seems like the end of summer when the Proms start. This gleeful looking forward to events to come gets a bit depressing. When I went to school the “back to school” posters in the shops at least had the decency not to appear until mid August. Now the advertising starts before they have broken up for the summer. Those poor kids must get really down as they get dragged round Tesburys. with pictures of uniforms and exercise books plastered everywhere.

Autumn starts a new season for many clubs and organisations and within these pages you will find fairs, sales and meetings advertised that reflect the season. Also this time there are a greater than usual number of longer articles. One in particular has come from some Dutch people who holidayed in Dersingham, came on one of the walking group walks and felt they should put finger to keyboard writing about their stay.

Keeping with the Low Countries, David Bingham has written about his recent trip there and not a word about chocolate sprinkles.

There have been some scare stories going about suggesting that the Borough Council might be closing some public conveniences. I know how vital these facilities are and I have been put on a “Toilet Task Group” to review the provision. Rest assured that I am resisting any closures.

That reminds me of a camping trip I made to the New Forest many years ago. Very early on a Sunday morning we went into Brockenhurst to use the loos. We were not the only ones so inclined, they were doing a roaring trade. At this point I will point out to the younger folk out there that sliced bread used to come wrapped in gaily printed, fairly stiff waxed paper and not in the plastic bags we get today. My cubicle still had a small supply of tissue but many of the others did not. Then the desperate cry went up from one end “**has anybody got any paper?**” After a brief pause some wag outside said “how about a Wonderloaf wrapper?” “Oooh yes please” came the reply. I leave the rest to your imagination.

We deliver around 2500 VV’s, one to every letterbox in the village - let us know if we don’t find you, - but of the other 600 copies some get posted to ex-pats but the bulk of them get placed in piles in shops and other outlets around Dersingham. It would be nice to know who takes them because they all seem to go. If you are one of these readers do tell us where you come from.

My thanks to Steve Davis for his seasonal cover picture of a Fly Agaric toadstool.

And finally I have been asked to publicise :-

SPORTS ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

Wednesday 26th October 2016 13:00 to 16:00.

West Norfolk Youth Advisory Board in conjunction with the East Anglia sports Academy are running activities such as archery, laser clay shooting and possibly a Climbing wall for all children aged 11-19.

There will be no charge.

Dersingham Parish Council Office

4a Post Office Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6HP—Tel: 01485 541465

The Production Team for this edition of Village Voice consists of

Editor: Tony Bubb. Editorial assistant: Rob Smyth

Administration: Sarah Bristow (*Parish Clerk*) Advertising: Tony Bubb

Printed by Clanpress Ltd, Dundee Ct., Hamburg Way, King's Lynn, Norfolk



Dear Village Voice

Please email (editor@dersingham.org.uk) or write to us at :-
Village Voice, Dersingham Parish Council, 4A Post Office Road,
Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE31 6HP with your thoughts or memories of
village life, comments concerning items read or ideas for the future. Ed.



Thanks

Following our successful "Open Day" at the Dersingham Allotments, we would now like to inform all those who so kindly supported us which local charities have benefited from the £900 we raised. The Scouts and Guides movement, Puddleducks Toddler Group, Dersingham Day Centre, Phobbies, Baby Basics and the Friends of Forward. The signed Norwich City football raffle prize was won by Mr Paul Harvey, who then kindly presented it to a very excited young "Carrow Road" fan, Charlie King.

So thanks to all who supported us again this year and we hope to see you all again in 2017.

Shirley Eldridge, Secretary, Dersingham Allotment Association

Seat

Mrs Dorothy Bingham approached the Parish Council as she wished to donate a seat, in memory of her late husband, to the village. After discussing locations with her and her family, it was felt that the War Memorial Garden was the best place. The Parish Council is very grateful to receive this kind donation, which has already been used by local residents.

Pictured is Mrs Bingham with her family and the bench in the War Memorial garden.



Cllr Sue Payne

Village Voice

I am sure that now that when you have reached the end of this edition you will have really enjoyed reading all that it has to offer; the letters, articles about village events and the competition pages too. The advertisements are an excellent source of suppliers and services and these cover the costs of Village Voice and we are grateful to our advertisers for their continued support. It is also delivered to your homes by many volunteers and our editor is a volunteer too. Tony very kindly stepped back into the breach last year when Steve Davis relinquished the role but now he too has decided that it is time to stand down. So now we need a new editor. Do you think you could fill the post? Previous experience in publishing would be an advantage but not essential, just the desire to see a much loved village flagship publication continue into the future. There will be a lot of support available from the Parish Council Communications Committee and as Tony will continue in the role until the March edition you would be able to shadow him until then to pick up the ropes.

Maybe you are recently retired and have some time to fill and skills that need to be utilised or maybe you are thinking about a future career that being a village magazine editor could help you achieve. Or do you know someone who doesn't usually read Village Voice but might be interested in taking on the role, it doesn't have to be a village resident. Whatever your motivation do feel free to get in touch, either to me by phone 01485 542113, email kate.hathaway@dersingham.org.uk or Tony Bubb 01485 542638 email editor@dersingham.org.uk or call into the Parish Council offices on Post Office Road. We will eagerly await your call as we really do want Dersingham Village Voice to continue to be a regular part of village life.

Cllr Kate Hathaway, Chair of Communication Committee, Dersingham Parish Council

E. H. Prior & Sons
Finest Quality Butcher
Delicatessen * Bakery * Fine Wines
Filled Rolls to take away



SPECIAL OFFERS
EVERY WEEK



Fish Counter
Hot Pies and Snacks
Seasonal Fruit
& Vegetables



Exceptional cleaning results every time!

- We are East Anglia's leading cleaning service
- We pride ourselves on the quality of our work
- All work covered by our 100% money back guarantee
- Unbeatable cleaning results and customer service
- Fixed time appointments for your convenience



- Carpet Cleaning
- Oven Cleaning
- Upholstery & Sofa Cleaning
- Curtain Cleaning
- Gutter Cleaning
- Floor Tile & Grout Cleaning
- Leather Furniture Cleaning
- Wooden Floor Sanding & Sealing
- Patio & Decking Cleaning

CleanTech
 Hygienically Cleaner & Visually Brighter



Call: 01485 609223
www.cleantech-norfolk.co.uk

7am - 10pm, 7 days a week • Fully Insured
 Email: mike@cleantech-norfolk.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

by Sue Payne - chair



Silica Sand

At the time of writing we have been informed that the County Council have said that the area to the West of Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham has been dropped from the list of potential sites. I would like to thank the WASP group members who worked really hard on this. We are waiting to have this officially confirmed.

Dersingham Village Centre

There is no further news to report. Councillors and members of the Dersingham Village Centre Association (DVCA) are working hard on the Business Plan and other documents which have to be submitted to Big Lottery in the next two months.

You may have seen that Marshland St James have been awarded money for a new village hall. We wish them well and hope to have our own good news story towards the end of the year.

Dersingham Works

The next Business Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, October 5th, between 7:30 and 9:00am. This is an excellent networking opportunity for local businesses, and training and education providers. There is more information further on in this magazine. If you would like to come along, please contact the Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings

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

We are aware that Planning Applications can be very contentious. The Parish Council is consulted, but only has three weeks to respond from the date of the formal advice from the Borough Council. The Borough no longer sends paper plans for Councillors and members of the public to inspect. We currently look at Applications via the Borough's website, but eventually will use projection to make it easier to discuss applications at meetings.

To ensure that the Council does review all applications, we very often take details from the weekly list of applications which is sent to the Clerk every Friday. Our Agenda allows for this to happen.

If you have any comments about a planning application, please let the Clerk know, as well as advising the Borough Council, so we can take these in to consideration when making a decision.

Details of Full Council and Committee meetings in 2016/17 can be found in the Parish Office window and our notice boards around the village.

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 ☐



NEIL FOX
Carpentry & Property
Maintenance

Doors / Skirting / Wooden Flooring
New fencing & repairs / guttering / etc

For more information & advice
Call :- 01485 544476 or 07738 553964

VILLAGE CINEMA NEWS

From Tom Morris, Cinema Committee

Although attendance fluctuates between a “packed house” and a disappointingly low audience, the Village Cinema continues to provide a valuable source of entertainment for residents of the local area. A small group of enthusiastic and hard working people do their best to satisfy the need expressed by so many people to enjoy films in a friendly and relaxed environment without having to venture to King’s Lynn or elsewhere.

A small team of volunteers have been trained to act as projectionists and setting up the equipment which, up to now, has had to be collected and returned from and to Wells next the Sea. Alex and John (pictured) demonstrated their skill as regular projectionists as well as helping to collect and return the equipment from and to Wells. Of course the efforts of all who have contributed to this work is greatly appreciated as is the help provided by the ladies with laying out the chairs, providing the refreshments and doing the necessary administration. A good community effort which we hope is appreciated and will continue to be supported.



The forthcoming programme of films include: **30 September – Suffragette.**

28 October – Eye in the Sky, 25 November – Jungle Book, 27 January – Eddie the Eagle

Should you have any proposals for other films to be shown, please contact Vanessa on 544866 or Tom on 541450.

We hope you continue to support the Village Cinema project where any profits made go directly to the Village Centre project. □

TENTH ANNUAL
Norfolk Family Walk
 at
Holkham Hall
 for
BRAIN TUMOUR
RESEARCH & SUPPORT

SUNDAY
9th
OCTOBER
 2016
 10am-4pm

Adults : £5 Children : FREE
 Car Parking : £3.00/car can be redeemed at the shop
 The walks are: 1, 3, 6, or 10 miles.
 The one mile walk for children has activities along the way.
 Prams, trikes, wheelchairs and animals on leads are welcome.

Brain tumours now account for **more deaths among children and those under 40** than any other cancer.
 Join others and **raise sponsorship** for your chosen brain tumour or cancer charity and **help us all find a cure** for this devastating disease.

The 2016 "World Walk" for Brain Tumours is a project of the International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA) and is in its tenth year. We hope to achieve enough mileage world-wide to encircle the Earth at the Equator many times. The "World Walk" symbolically unites all those around the globe whose lives have been touched by a brain tumour.

Go to www.astrofund.org.uk to download a sponsorship form and for a link to create a justifying page or contact via email info@astrofund.org.uk or telephone **01485 572767**

Organised by the Norfolk Branch of Astro Brain Tumour Fund, charity no. 1133561

DERSINGHAM
VILLAGE CINEMA

Presents...

CAREY MULLIGAN, BRENDON GLEESON
 HELENA BONHAM CARTER
 ANNE-MARIE DUFF, BEN WHISHAW
 AND MERYL STREEP

S U F F R A G E T T E

Doors open at 6:45pm
 Film Showing at 7.30pm

£5

On

Friday 30th Sept.

All tickets sold at the Door. In St Nicholas Church Hall

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE CENTRE FUNDS

Dersingham Village Centre Association

For more information on Dersingham Village Cinema, please contact
 Vanessa Blythe on 01485 544866 or Tom Morris 01485 541450.

A word from Borough Councillor Judy Collingham

As your other ward Councillor is editor of the Village Voice, I am happy to use this column to give an update on Borough activities.

The summer break has given all councilors a chance to gather strength for the challenges ahead. Amongst which will be a vote on the issue of devolution which will take place at the end of October. If any ward member has queries or views on this issue then do please contact me, details below.

We have had some serious issues as regards planning applications. The Station Road application to incorporate an HGV park into the Semba trading site was turned down on the basis of the impact on the neighbourhood. The Planning Committee had a site visit and was of the view that this was not an appropriate location for such activity. Although not a matter for this ward, the Chicken Farm at Sedgeford is to go ahead and we can only hope that folk will accustom themselves to this use of agricultural land. Arguments for and against were strong and well expressed but in the end the need to commercialize farmland was a compelling reason to grant the application.

Other planning issues have occupied this ward councillor's time during the summer and I hope that those who have to deal with building works in their neighbourhood will be assured that due process will be followed to ensure all decisions are fairly arrived at.

As ever I am always happy to discuss any matter of concern or interest to ward members. □
My contact details are: telephone: 01485 540271
or email (private) jcairnscol@gmail.com

DERSINGHAM WORKS



WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2016, 7:30AM—9:00AM ST NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL, PE31 6LN

A morning of business networking and presentations

BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES:

- Great networking opportunity
- Find out what's happening in the local community and how it could help your business
- Opportunity to share experience and good practice
- Meet vocational/workplace training providers
- Continental breakfast provided

BENEFITS FOR EXHIBITORS:

- Develop links with local business
- Meet potential future recruits
- Promote aspiration amongst young people
- Help inform career choices

FREE TO ATTEND

Call Jacqui Farrell on 07931 206628 to
find out more or email
jacqui.farrell@theskillsservice.co.uk



DELIVERED BY
 Opportunity Peterborough

FINANCED BY
 GREATER CAMBRIDGE
GREATER PETERBOROUGH
ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
SUPPORTING THE FUTURE



29 High Street, Heacham, Norfolk
PE31 7EP



Property sales details with professionally drawn floor plans, maps and colour photographs.

Property details are also available at
Torc Financial Services, The Business Centre,
Snettisham

For a professional and friendly service
contact us on: **01485 570030**
Email: info@suttonsestateagency.co.uk

Christina Thain Licensed Conveyancer

Lasting Powers of Attorney Wills Conveyancing

all at reasonable prices -
home visits at no additional charge

Telephone Tina on 01485 525799
or email to:

christina-thain@btconnect.com
for quotation and/or appointment
Christina Thain Licenced Conveyancer
56 Peddars Way North
Ringstead, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5JP

Stitches
Sewing Machine Repairs
by the Local Expert

- All makes serviced & repaired •
- Over 30 years experience •
- Home visits •

01485 535977
Mob 07866 923417
www.stitches-repairs.co.uk

HOUSEPROUD
HOME MAINTENANCE
and
BUILDING SERVICES
01485 543806

Deb Barlow Yoga
Mixed Level Hatha Yoga Classes
Mon & Wed 7.30-9.00pm
Pott Row Methodist Chapel
Thurs 6.00-7.30pm
Flitcham Community Hall (The Pub!)
One-2-One on request
Tel No: 07944 955962
email: rosieyoga@hotmail.co.uk

HAPPY HOUNDS
Professional Dog Grooming

Bathing, Blowdry, Clipping,
Scissoring, Ear Cleaning, Nails

City & Guilds Qualified

Call Julie on :-
01485 601409 or 07867 773340



Rev Mark Capron
Rector of the Dersingham Benefice
The Parishes of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe
and Shernborne

My name is the Rev Mark Capron and I have recently been Instituted as the new Rector for the parishes of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne. I am married to Helen and we have two young children.

My previous post was at a coastal parish called Pakefield and also two adjacent ones (Carlton Colville and Mutford) in Suffolk, but part of the Norwich area of the church. Before taking up that post I trained at Theological College for three years and before that we lived in Norfolk at Long Stratton and also Thorpe Hamlet in Norwich.

My post here is technically called Rector which is a historic title concerning the old tithes coming into the parish; but it is the same role as a Vicar.

Each day is unique and brings with it a variety of situations, duties and encounters with different people. I begin and end each day with prayer and try to pray at different points as I journey through the day. Prayer is the foundation to my ministry because it is through a rhythm of prayer that I draw closer to God through his Son Jesus in the power the Holy Spirit. I am privileged to hear of people's own journeys of faith and how they came to a living faith in the Lord Jesus.

But what does the Rector like doing to relax and switch off? I am sporty and enjoy playing most sports including cricket, tennis, snooker and badminton to name a few. I captain and organise the Norwich Clergy (Vicar) Cricket team. I have previously had an allotment and continue to enjoy gardening, particularly growing our own veg. I find music both playing and listening a great way to relax and also in worshipping God. As a family we are settling into village life and enjoying the beautiful countryside as well as the sense of community.

I have been enjoying meeting people in the four parishes of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne. Going around on my bike is a great way to travel but importantly seeing people at the same time. It has been great to see wonderful new life, from people coming to faith, a new baby and toddler group called 'Little Nippers' (Monday's in St Nicholas Church from 9:30), as well as leading an Alpha Course.

One of my favourite passages in the Bible is Psalm 100 which is about praising God and giving him thanks. If you are passing St Nicholas Church in Dersingham and looking for a place to pray or even somewhere to shelter from the Autumn showers do take an opportunity to go into the church and give God thanks for our many blessings not least this beautiful place in which we live. □

RED PUMPS GARAGE Vehicle Repair & Maintenance Specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service & Repair to ALL Makes & Models• Class 4 MOT's• Ferodo Brake Specialist• Engine Diagnostics & Management• Tyres, Exhausts, Clutches, Batteries etc• Air Conditioning• All Work Guaranteed & Competitively Priced	
86 Chapel Road, Dersingham		
01485 540458		
Email:		
redpumpsgarage@btinternet.com		
www.redpumpsgarage.co.uk		

GARY RUSHMORE FLOORING LTD



*To discover all your floor covering requirements – visit our **new one-stop showroom!***

- free measuring and estimates with no obligation
- superb range of carpet, vinyl, laminate and Karndean samples
- exceptional service, including uplifting and disposing of old flooring and moving furniture
- carpets supplied and fitted by our professional team
- a family-run business, over 25 years of experience
- home selection service available

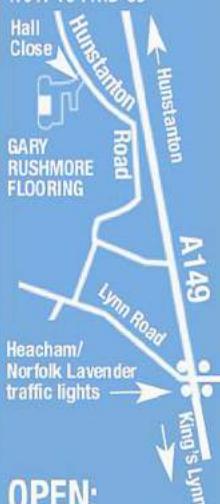
**Unit 6, Heacham Hall Industrial Units,
Hall Close, Hunstanton Road, Heacham,
King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 7JT**

Telephone: **01485 572202**

email: rushmoreflooring@btconnect.com

www.garyrushmoreflooring.co.uk

HOW TO FIND US



OPEN:
Mon to Fri:
9.30am-4pm
Saturday:
10am-2pm

(closed Thurs
from 1pm)

millhouse

Veterinary Surgery & Hospital



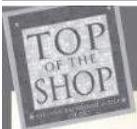
*we care for your pets
as much as you...*

24hr Emergency Service

01553 771457



Mill House Veterinary Surgery & Hospital
20 Tennyson Avenue Kings Lynn Norfolk PE30 2QG
www.millhousevets.co.uk info@millhousevets.co.uk



Kitchens, Bedrooms & Bathrooms *Family business Est. 1988.*



Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms available with full design service and installation.

For a free no obligation quotation contact Pam on 01485 571367 or email info@topoftheshop.co.uk

Top of The Shop Your local independent retailer

at 42 Station Road, Heacham. Next to Boots the Chemist.

www.topoftheshop.co.uk

Opening hours 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday

9am - 1pm Saturday.



Dersingham Day Centre by Alice Worth

By the time you read this Village Voice the Dersingham Day Centre will be back in business after our summer break. We started our Autumn Session on the 7th September and, as usual, we were pleased to see all our friends again.

Our Summer Session came to an end on the 20th July after we had had a busy few weeks. On the 13th July, yet again, we all went to the United Services Club in Hunstanton. It has certainly become our favourite venue for lunch and,

weather permitting, a drive along the sea front on the way home. As usual we had an excellent lunch. While we rounded the meal off with coffees or teas Ann Saunders presented David Lang, our regular weekly driver over many years, with a cheque from the Members and Volunteers as a token of our appreciation of his service to the Day Centre and our best wishes on his retirement.

He has picked up our Members in all sorts of weathers making sure they walked to and from the bus safely at both ends of the journey. I don't know how many door keys ended up in his pocket each week but he always seemed to find the right one that had been entrusted to him when he took the Members home. He retired at the end of July and we wished him a very happy retirement. He will be missed by us all. I must just add that he has also been our official photographer and many videos exist of our Christmas and Easter parties over the years, thanks to David.



The Committee is now busy planning our programme for the Autumn Season up to Christmas. On the 7th September Richard Fettes took over from me as the Day Centre Secretary. Richard has been a volunteer for a long time and I handed over the reins to him with every confidence. I will still be the contact for new members and I would just remind everyone that the Dersingham Day Centre is there for those over the age of 70 who feel they would benefit from a day out each week to socialise and enjoy the company of others.

If you think you might like to come as a volunteer at the Day Centre (any time you can spare would be appreciated) do come along to the Church Hall any Wednesday between 10.30am and 3.00pm and see what we do. Being a volunteer at the Day Centre is very rewarding as well as good fun. If you are new to the area this is a good way of meeting people and making new friends, everyone is very welcome. □

THE DAY CENTRE'S AUTUMN FAIR
will be held on SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER
in the METHODIST CHURCH, POST OFFICE ROAD
from 10.00am to 12 noon

Stalls will include Cakes, Bric-A-Brac, Books and Jigsaws and Gifts etc.
Refreshments will be served throughout the morning

We do hope you will be able to come and support us.



DERSINGHAM VILLAGE CENTRE

David Collingham, Chairman, Dersingham Village Centre Association

Following on from our report in July, we are nearing the stage when our final submission is to be made to the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. There is a lot more detailed work needed for this application, so thanks in advance to Sue Payne and all the committed volunteers beavering away on this.

The fund raising programme continues apace. We have increased our publicity by providing every household in the Village with an information pack on the Centre and how we are going to fund it.

If anyone missed out on this and would like to have a copy, please let us know either through the Parish Office or by using the Contact Page on our website at www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk.

Thanks go to our new Village Lottery members who joined this month. Three winning tickets are drawn each month at Village Voice Live. July winners were ticket numbers: 57,36,22. August were 1,60,54.

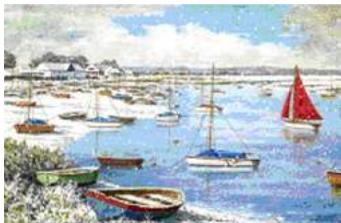
SPECIAL EVENTS

The next event will be a fantastic **Ceildih Evening** with top Norfolk Ceildih band, Willowspin, held on **Saturday November 19th**. Make a note in your diary and we hope to see you on the dance floor! □



FRONT ELEVATION

Norfolk Hospice says ‘It’s never too early for Christmas’



To complement its range of traditional Christmas cards, The Norfolk Hospice has commissioned an extended series of picturesque ‘local interest’ cards based on paintings by artists from Queenbee Designs in Suffolk.



The range now includes lovely ‘Christmassy’ scenes of places of importance in the region. They include Sandringham House, Holt town centre, the Market Cross in Swaffham, the Clarkson Memorial in Wisbech, Downham Market Clock, King’s Lynn Custom House, Burnham Quay and The Green in Hunstanton.

“We have been selling local cards for a number of years now,” says Lyndsay Carter, Chief Executive of The Norfolk Hospice. “The ‘local’ range has been extremely popular and

we nearly always sell out of the cards.”

The cards are available to buy in packs of 10 from the Hospice shops or from the Fundraising Office (telephone 01485 601701) or online (www.norfolkhospice.org.uk).

UNION CHURCH

Sandringham Road, Hunstanton
(Opposite The Library)

AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY

22nd OCTOBER

10.00am—1.30pm

Tea, Coffee, Snacks & Light Lunches
Variety of stalls including gifts, crafts,
Christmas items, cakes, sweets,
books, plants, clothes, kitchen & bric
a brac, toiletries & accessories, jams
& preserves



Refreshments, Singing, Craft & Fun

In St. Nicholas Church
Every Monday Morning
From 9.30-11.30am
Open to All



All Children must be
accompanied by an Adult

For more information, please contact:
Davina 07867 411714 or Odette 07999 124097

claire's
**NORFOLK
NIBBLES**
catering for you



Claire's Norfolk Nibbles will
work with you to achieve
what you need to make
your event a real success.



Celebration cakes , cupcakes , party catering
and light luncheons are our specialities !

Contact Claire to find out more.

Mobile: 07810098303

Email: info@clairesnorfolknibbles.co.uk

Web: clairesnorfolknibbles.co.uk

Facebook: Claire's Norfolk Nibbles

SARA BOWLBY Foot Health Practitioner

Registered member of the
British Association of Foot Health Professionals
MAFHP MCFHP



Caring for your feet in a
professional Clinic at Grimston
Medical Centre, Sandringham
Clinic and home visits.

**Please contact me for advice
or an appointment
For appointments and
clinic times
Telephone 01485 544180
Mobile 07979 304383**

Dersingham Evening WI by Maggie Guest

At the last meeting before the summer break, Peg Hunter not only told us about assorted types of dance but demonstrated them all and had token gesture costumes to add to the demonstration. We found this most interesting as the rest of us only have a basic knowledge. Luckily it was not an audience participation evening!! Well done Peg we all enjoyed the demonstration and informative talk.

A group of 15 ladies went to Bircham Windmill and, after tea and cakes, were given a demonstration on spinning and a talk on this and yarns. The trip was arranged by Wendy who, a few weeks later, also got a good sized group of members to partake in a walk around Dersingham with her giving a talk on the history of buildings complete with old photos. The walk finished with a pre-ordered lunch at the Coach and Horses. All so interesting. Thank you Wendy!

August is the only month there is not a meeting so the committee decided to have a tea party at Diann's home. Diann has a big party tent which was put up together with a gazebo to protect from the sun or rain if need be. Tables and chairs were set out under these. The committee made sandwiches, scones and cakes so the members ate well and the sun shone so were glad of the shade. As this was arranged to replace the monthly meeting, it was decided it was an opportune event to say goodbye to Gilly, our president, who was leaving the area to live near her daughter. Gilly has worked hard in Dersingham WI for many years as secretary then president. She is a very talented craft lady and has taught people to knit, crochet and do Black work in small groups at her home. About half the members were able to come to the tea to see Gilly presented with a voucher and cut a cake made by the very talented Pat. Gilly had been given some flowers at the July meeting. Our temporary President until Elections in November, is Peg Hunter who was Vice President.



A group of us went to a craft day at Snettisham. This is a photo of us holding up our craft produce.

A walk in Hunstanton Hall grounds was had on 1st September under Babs guidance.

Next meeting dates are 19th October and 16th November. They are all held at St Cecilia's next to Budgens and we are pleased to see visitors. There is a small charge for the first two meetings but no need to join until the third visit.

Contact numbers for more information are :- Peg 541162, Maggie 542424 or Katrina 544773. □

**Do you
CARE
for
YOUR
EYES?**

You can see
WE CARE
at
Wigram & Ware

8, Blackfriars Street,
King's Lynn
01553 772878

4, Jubilee Court
Hunstanton Road,
Dersingham
01485 544850



Old Picture Corner with Tony Bubb

I have a disc of pictures from Bernie Twite from which these images came. Sadly there is no index to them so details are purely speculation (unless you can help out Bernie). Churchyard maintenance, a sore topic recently, is being done in the first picture with a very early rotary mower fuelled, no doubt, with Cleveland Discol from the garage in Lynn Road.

A Vauxhall Wyvern, from the early 50's, sets an early point for dating this and Cleveland disappeared as a name in the early 70's. Discol was a petrol and alcohol mix but when Esso got rid of the Cleveland name they got rid of the fuel as well.

I'm guessing that one of the "attendants" is Bernie but who are the other chaps in the pictures? □



CAROLE BROWN HEALTH CENTRE (CBHC) PATIENTS' PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) NEWS

From: Tom Morris, PPG Committee

Notices have appeared indicating that flu jabs are available at the Carole Brown Health Centre. Flu is unpredictable but one thing is certain. We should try to protect ourselves by having a 'flu jab' especially if we are within the vulnerable group of patients. These are defined as older people, the very young, pregnant women, those with underlying disease, particularly chronic respiratory or cardiac disease and those who are immuno-suppressed. The vaccine still provides the best protection available against an unpredictable virus that can cause severe illness. It is not possible to predict fully the strains that will circulate each year, and there is always a risk of a change in the virus. However, this does not happen very often. During the last ten years the vaccine has generally been a good match for the circulating strains.

Last year the uptake of flu jabs at the Carole Brown Health Centre was disappointingly low and this had two major consequences for the practice:

1. Of the quantity of vaccine ordered based on the number of vulnerable patients and children, a large proportion had to be returned at less than cost with the consequent loss of funds for treating patients.
2. Many patients chose to have their vaccinations at commercial locations such as pharmacies or supermarkets. This increases the revenue for those locations but denies revenue to your local NHS surgery and therefore for patient care.



The Patients Participation Group therefore encourages you to have a flu jab at your local NHS surgery, in our case, the Carole Brown Health Centre. So, if you have missed either of the announced dates, please call to make an appointment. □

 **MKR Cleaning Services**

More than just a Window Cleaning Service

WE CLEAN Windows, Conservatories, Fascia Boards, Guttering, Driveways & Patios
Both Traditional & Pure water fed pole methods used

Fully Insured

For a FREE quote call Steve on 01485 542087 or 07834 618743

email: steve@mkrcleaningservices.co.uk

website: www.mkrcleaningservices.co.uk



Dersingham Walking Group by Stephen Martyn

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

At the time of writing we've just had our twice yearly meeting of the group walks leaders when we discuss possible routes for the next six months. As we're the Dersingham walking group, we've decided to keep the walks fairly local for the autumn and winter seasons, so there are plenty that start in the village or at nearby Sandringham. However for those who like to explore a little further afield, then Snettisham, Hunstanton and Sedgeford are among the places that we'll be visiting in the next few months.

If you've got a favourite walk that's not in our programme then why not let me know. You could lead it yourself or one of our team of leaders can do so. I am always fascinated by the number of places that we walk where I find myself thinking "I've never been on this track before"! There is so much to explore in our West Norfolk countryside.

Details of our next walks are:

Wednesday 28th September 2.00pm

Starting point: Brays Pit duck-pond, Heacham.

Grid ref: TF 672 374 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

Along the beach, bank and dunes between Heacham and Snettisham.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

Wednesday 12th October 2.00pm

Starting point: Dersingham village sign near the corner of Heath Rd.

Grid ref: TF 685 296 Length of walk: 4 miles.

Amble round both our own village and the Sandringham woods in this afternoon circular walk.

Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757

Thursday 27th October 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

Wednesday 9th November 2.00pm

Starting point: Unique shop and café car park, Castle Rising

Grid ref: TF 667 247 Length of walk: 4 miles.

A walk around the village, fields and woods of Castle Rising, culminating in a cream tea at the Unique tea rooms.

Please reserve your cream tea with the leader by Monday 7th November.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333 or email: stephenmartyn@gmail.com



Wednesday 23rd November 1.30pm

Starting point: Rear of the West Newton Club car park TF696 276. Length of walk: 4.5 miles. Some of the many footpaths in and around the Sandringham Estate are explored in this autumn walk.

Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638

You can see the full walks programme on our page at the Parish Council website. Just go to 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 □



EXPERIENCES WHILST DOING NATIONAL SERVICE

by John Lambert

I was walking down to Norwich Thorpe Station to go home on a 36 hour pass when quite suddenly I needed to use a toilet rather urgently, so as I was running into the station I was feeling in my back pocket for a penny.

As I neared the toilet door I took out what I thought was a penny but as I placed it in the slot I saw it was a "half crown" (2 shillings and six pence) it was too late the coin had slipped from my fingers. What made it 30 times worse I still couldn't get in, I had to use the next door, talk about inflation, that was an expensive use of a public toilet!

However, when I returned to camp on the Monday morning I was telling the Medical Orderly what had happened. He told me that if you write to the County Council explaining what you did, they will find the half crown amongst their collections which will prove you weren't lying and then, in theory, you will get your money back.

About three weeks later I got a letter back with a postal order for one shilling and eight pence, the rest went on administration costs.

This would have been about early January 1952. So much for the good old days! □

NIGEL RUSHMER HOME MAINTENANCE



YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN FROM SNETTISHAM

ANY MAINTENANCE JOB CONSIDERED

KITCHEN & BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS. TILING.

GENERAL PLUMBING. DECORATING. GATES & FENCING REPAIRS

DOORS FITTED. GARDEN GATES & FURNITURE MADE TO ORDER

CALL NIGEL ON 01485 541563 OR 07949 162101

DERSINGHAM INSTITUTE BOWLS CLUB by Helen Young

Another season draws to a close and happily the weather for the final third improved greatly, with waterproofs barely making an appearance on the green over the past six weeks!

We have had mixed results in the leagues this year, winning one, finishing in the bottom half of two and being relegated in the fourth, but in the end bowls is always the winner and we have all enjoyed another memorable season.

Our internal competitions are almost complete and as well as some familiar names there will be a number of new inscriptions on the trophies. This is good to see and reflects the success of the weekly coaching sessions and strong membership base. The full social calendar, a good green and friendly atmosphere continues to attract new members in what for some clubs are difficult times.

The late arrival of summer has meant that the season can be extended and the green will not now close until Saturday 24th September with the traditional roll up and light buffet. The presentation lunch will take place on Friday 14th October at Le Strange Arms and the AGM is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday 7th November at the Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing members at these events. □



Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Indoor Meetings at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.
Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Birding on Islay

with Chris Mills Tuesday 27th September, 7.30pm

Chris Mills lives locally and runs Norfolk Birding which specialises in birdwatching tours in the UK and abroad. Chris's talk may well feature such birds as Golden Eagle, White-tailed Eagle, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine, Chough, Barnacle and Greenland White-fronted Geese and much more from this Scottish island.

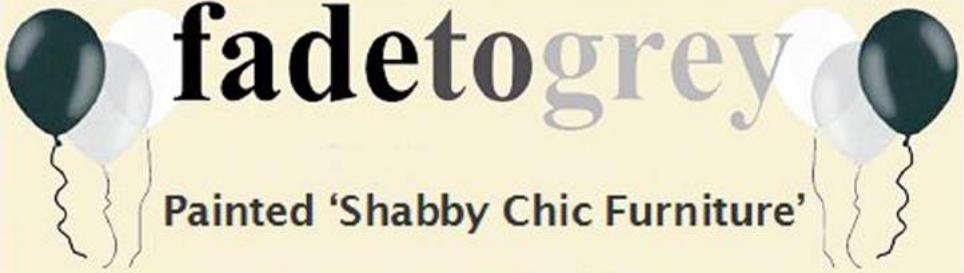
Belarus – Birding behind the Iron Curtain

with Mike Watson Tuesday 25th October, 7.30pm

Mike Watson works for Birdquest who run trips to Belarus (White Russia). Therefore, we can expect Mike's talk to showcase such birds as Greater Spotted Eagle, Hazel Grouse, Capercaillie, Great Snipe, Great Grey Owl, Ural and Tengmalm's Owl, Pygmy-Owl, Three-toed and White-backed Woodpecker, Citrine Wagtail, Aquatic Warbler and Azure Tit. Mouth-watering stuff.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.





Painted 'Shabby Chic Furniture'

Personalised Gifts & Helium Balloons

Cards & Wrapping Paper

61 Manor Road, Dersingham, PE31 6LA

01485 297090 Email: info@fadetogrey-norfolk.



@fadetogreynorfolk



Ward Gethin Archer

SOLICITORS AND NOTARIES

Ward Gethin Archer offer a friendly and efficient service for all
your legal requirements

**Wills, Probate & Trusts – Personal Injury Claims – Family
Property – Employment – Company Commercial**

Richard Pennington is a local resident and home visits are available
on request

King's Lynn: (01553) 660033 Heacham: (01485) 571366

Offices also in Dereham, Ely, Swaffham and Watton

www.wardgethinarcher.co.uk

Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny



Farm work in yesteryear

I have been out and about a bit this summer, just looking around the countryside and thinking how much the way things are done has altered now since I was a lad sixty years ago. When I was still at school, as soon as the summer holidays started, we would get on our bikes and go looking for the nearest harvest field where they were cutting the corn, so we could chase and catch a rabbit or two for the pot. Some farmers did not like you on their land, as they wanted the rabbits for their selves. One of us always followed the binder, as some rabbits would come out the back; we always made sure that the tractor driver and the man on the binder were given a rabbit or two. I remember one day they were cutting a field in Admiral's Drive next to the wood yard; it was alive with rabbit. Us lads caught over one hundred; we took what we wanted and gave the rest to the gamekeeper, who sold them on to a butcher.

A lot of lads would get a job on a farm for the holidays to help with the harvest. A lot of farms still had horses, so you could get a job leading the horses. These lads and girls who done this were known as how-gee boys. Also, a lot of us were errand boys for the shops around the village, delivering groceries and meat on a trade bike. I done this for a while for Mr Parker, who had a large grocery shop at the bottom of Sandringham Hill. I then went on to work for Ken Martins at his smallholding down The Drift. My wife, Joy, worked on a farm at Shernborne for Mr Hancock, with the horses.

When I came out of the army in 1962 I done a lot of work on farms throughout Norfolk and Lincolnshire, most of the work was piecework. The first time I done this was when I was still at school and that was pea picking. You got paid by the bag; every now and again the foreman would come along and tip your bag out, to make sure you did not put any leaves or stalks in the bottom to fill it up quicker.

I was watching the television the other night and it showed people who were strawberry picking, but the strawberries were grown about three foot up from the ground on benches. Back them days they were all grown on the ground. Later in the year we would cut strawberry runners and put them in bundles, this too was piecework. I think the hardest job of all was picking tates (potatoes). It was okay if you picked in stretches, but picking into a trailer behind a tractor was really hard work.

Chopping out beet was okay on some farms where you used a long handle hoe. When I worked on a farm in Clenchwaton Marsh you had to use a short handle hoe. We would work from seven in the morning till seven at night, so you were really pleased when the weekend came. I also done some carrot picking. Them days you had a small carrot fork to lift them from the ground. You would then wring the tops off and put the carrots in a net or sack. There again, the foreman or ganger would come round and tip your bag out, to make sure you had not filled it half up with tops or clods.

When I first started work on the land the sugar beet season started about September and went on to February. The beet would be ploughed out one row at a time, either by a horse drawn plough or tractor drawn. You would then do what was called knocking and topping; you would pick two beet up and knock them together to get the muck and soil off; you would then lay them in a straight row; then you would cut the tops off with a sugar beet hook and chuck them in a heap for a man with a horse and cart, or tractor and trailer, to pick them up and put them in the cart with a fork. He would then take them to the edge of the field where they were put in a heap. Then, when all the beet in the field were harvested, you had to load them up again onto the cart and take them to the station, where they were loaded into a railway wagon. When the wagon was full they were taken to the sugar beet factory at King's Lynn. It was a long hard job with lots of loading and unloading. In later years they were loaded onto a lorry and taken straight to the factory, just like it is still done today after being taken up by machine.

A lot of soft fruit was grown on farms and smallholdings, like gooseberries, raspberries and blackberries. They were all picked at piecework rate. I remember way back in the sixties when Sandringham estate first started growing blackcurrants; they were all picked by hand and many travellers would come from near and far to pick them; and the estate would put a meadow aside for the travellers to stay on until they had finished picking. The estate still grows blackcurrants but nowadays they are all harvested by a machine.

Many people said how they liked my poem in the last issue of Village Voice, so I thought I would write another one.

Summer in Sunny Hunny

Summer has come to Sunny Hunny
The people are here to spend their money
Mums, dads, grandparents too
All of the children, what a crew

Down on the beach, into the sea
No, no, John, you can't have a pee
Sit on the sand, have an ice cream
Please, please, Amanda, do not scream.

A ride on a pony, what a good idea
The sand and the seaweed, all in your hair
A boat trip out to look at the seals
Look to the coast, all the green fields

A walk along the prom, down to the fair
The dodgems, the twist, they are all here
Candy floss, fish and chips, oh! What a mix
A toffee apple too, but don't eat the stick

Skate on the rink, swim in the pool
Don't mind where, as long as it's cool
A walk up the cliffs, jump over the rocks
Chicken and chips in a cardboard box

Put money in a slot, what have you won?
Just a plastic fish, it's so much fun
Dad's gone to the pub, left us with mummy
Time to go home now, we have run out of money

Sun, sea, and sand, it's the best place to be
In Sunny Hunny, down by the sea.

Well that's all for now. It's only eighty-five days till Christmas. All the best, and don't forget, just keep a troshin.



Flowers by Yvonne

We Care, It's Our Name

Providing quality flowers for all occasions

Gifts, Weddings, Receptions, Churches
and Funerals

London trained, with experience in
West End and society events

Telephone: 01485 540628
25 Manor Road, Dersingham, PE31 6LD
www.flowersbyyvonne.co.uk

Flowers By Yvonne

J.A.E. Dance Studio presents 'Elements' by Maggie Guest



Some friends asked me if I would like to go to see the Jane Ashley-Emile bi-annual dancing show on 2nd July at the Princess Theatre. Thinking this was a lovely idea, I went. The show was called 'Elements' and I had not expected to be as impressed as I was. Jane's dance interpretations of Earth, Air, Fire and Water were inspirational in their movement routines, music and appropriate outfits.

The whole show was an amazing array of colours with the

costumes, lighting and, instead of old fashioned stage sets, photographic projections, using photographs by Robert Pipe, were displayed. The lighting, sound and projection, which was key to the show, was set up by Jess Smith from The Princess Theatre who worked above the call of duty. Great work Jess!

The music was varied, lively and created that 'feel good' factor we all love to have in our lives. This had been put together by 'Miss Ashley' (as she is known by her students!) and edited by Gemma Parsons

The Dance Studio takes children from 3+ to over 60 who mostly live in Dersingham! The show had a cast of 80 girls, boys and ladies and there were over 200 costumes in use on the evening. These had been made, altered or borrowed.

From the cute little ballet Snowflakes wearing tutus, the older tap class dancing to Jungle Drums and the modern dancers doing their performance to 'Great Balls of Fire' (to mention a few) the whole show was varied and exciting.

The two performances were given a further boost by Lindsay Hamilton (a professional singer and good friend of Miss Ashley) coming over from Germany, where she now lives, to sing appropriate songs.

The dance show raised £2,000 which was sent to The Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. Very well done to all who took part, too numerous to mention personally, from the dancers, the many back stage people who helped to, the Taxis of Mums and Dads. I think special thanks are due to all the staff at The Princess Theatre. I loved it!

Interestingly the J.A.E. Dance Studio are doing four of the dance numbers on Friday 18th November at The Princess Theatre for Children in Need. What a wonderful asset this excellent and long established dancing school is to Dersingham and the charities it supports. □



clanpress

The Complete Printing Solution

- Short run digital colour printing
- Full colour lithographic printing
- Large format poster printing
- Invitations and postcards
- Roller banners and X banners
- Internal, External & Illuminated signs
- In-house binding and finishing
- Letterheads and compliment slips
- Brochures, leaflets and folders
- Health & Safety Signs
- Exhibition displays
- Business cards
- Envelopes
- Newsletters
- Labels, NCR Pads

Visit our
NEW website

t: 01553 772737
f: 01553 768403
e: info@clanpress.co.uk
w: www.clanpress.co.uk

1 Dundee Court Hamburg Way
King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 2ND

Domestic Appliance Repairs

A.G.M. SERVICES offer -



**Repairs, Safety Checks and Servicing
to all major brands of
Washing Machines, Dishwashers,
Tumble Dryers, Storage Heaters,
Cookers, Fridges/Freezers etc.**

*Trust A.G.M. Services to ensure your
appliances are up and running again!*
**For a fast and reliable service contact
GRAHAM on : 01553 673398
or mobile : 07760 782202
email : agmservices@btinternet.com**

**Minor electrical works also undertaken
(extra sockets, lighting etc) - please enquire**

A.S.K. FRAMES & Things Picture Framing Specialist

Manor Road, DERSINGHAM

Call in and see what we offer, Prints, Cards
Puzzles, Watch Batteries, Straps, and even repairs
Photo Frames in Silver plate, Brass & Wood

Tel: 01485 540292

Limit
ELEGANCE QUALITY & TRADITION FOR OVER
100 YEARS



Limit
ELEGANCE QUALITY & TRADITION FOR OVER
100 YEARS
PILOT WATCHES



Opening Hours:
Wed to Fri: 10 - 1pm 2pm - 4.30pm
Sat: 10 - 1pm

Barn House Holiday Lets

www.barnhouseholidaylets.co.uk

14 Station Rd, Dersingham

01485 298807

Do you have friends or relatives
visiting who require a place to stay?

We have two newly refurbished
self-contained holiday apartments
for hire for a week or short break.

If you are interested in making a
booking please contact us through
the above website or give us a call.



1st Dersingham Guides Coffee Evening for the ARC

The 1st Dersingham Guides used their penultimate meeting of the term to hold a Coffee Evening to raise money for both the ARC and the unit. The girls invited friends and family along, as well as members of the wider village community. All the Guides took part in running the games stalls, Tombola, Raffle and refreshments. The girls did really well and everyone who came was very impressed and thought the evening had a lovely atmosphere.

Elizabeth Wheeler, Guide Leader



2nd Dersingham Brownies take on Bewilderwood



Bewilderwood - more like Bewilder-WET-a-wood! The weather was definitely not very summery for the 2nd Dersingham Brownies and their *Summer* outing to Bewilderwood. The day started with everyone wearing their waterproofs, but still enjoying climbing, sliding, swinging and zip-wiring their way through the wood. However, as it got closer to lunch time the rain got harder and harder and everyone retreated to the coach, where coats were quickly removed and lunch bags opened. Fortunately there were not too many soggy sandwiches, but a lot of VERY soggy Brownies and leaders. By time everyone had finished the rain had stopped and the sun

was trying to appear so, avoiding the puddles, we spent the afternoon having lots of fun, climbing, swinging and exploring before descending on the gift shop. It was a very exciting day and definitely an adventure that won't be quickly forgotten.

Farm to Fork at Tesco for 2nd Dersingham Brownies



The 2nd Dersingham Brownies have taken part in a special Guiding Farm to Fork trail at Tesco Hardwick. The girls were able to try different cheeses, find out all about the different fish and explore the fruit and veg aisles to see which countries the food is grown in.

They then got the chance to make bread, measuring out the ingredients before mixing and kneading the dough together and shaping into rolls. They all enjoyed the healthy fruit smoothies of orange juice, bananas and

strawberries. The girls all received a Girlguiding Tesco Eat Happy badge to sew on their sashes and a goody bag.

Lynne Wheeler, Brownie Leader



T.M. electrical

TONY MORGAN
3 HEATH ROAD
Dersingham
07884454480

Rewires, Extra Lights, Extra Sockets, Showers, Storage Heaters
Fuseboards Replaced, Cookers supplied-connected

TV/BT/Sky, Landlords Certificates, Smoke Alarms installed

SMALL JOBS A SPECIALITY

I DONT CHARGE THE EARTH

01485 540333

Qualified to Test and Inspect C&G 2391

Part P Registered and Qualified to 17th Edition



The Surefoot Clinic

S. Beech and associate chiropodist

Total Foot Care

Surgery at: 4 High Street, Heacham PE31 7ER

Tel: 01485 579411

Home Visits

Tel: 01485 518112

(Answerphone)

Helping to Keep Your Independence

HOUSE WORK All domestic duties within the home

GROCERY SHOPPING
Collection of pension, prescriptions

LAUNDRY Washing & ironing within clients home

COMPANIONSHIP All helpers are very carefully employed and references are always asked for and confirmed. Our helpers are all mature and dependable by nature

We provide an honest and reliable home help service at extremely competitive rates, covering Hunstanton & surrounding villages

K. H. HOMECARE

For any further information please contact

Mrs K Hudson **01485 570179**

Established in 1997—Accredited by Norfolk Trusted Traders Scheme



Norfolk Hearing Care

Mark Brindle READ MSHA

Can you hear friends clearly?
Is your television turned up?
Would you like to hear better?
Local independent advice
For a **Free** hearing test

Ring now

07925 792146

Aspire

Approved Siemens Partner

Quote V V for a **£100** discount on any purchases this summer

www.norfolkhearingcare.co.uk

17 Graham Drive, Fair Green, Middleton. PE32 1RL



We are a local firm of solicitors that cover and are experienced in;

Conveyancing, family, residential and commercial lease, debt recovery, litigation, wills and probate, and personal injury, contract and professional negligence and dispute matters.

We can often offer fixed fees so you know where you stand on costs and an introductory half hour free of charge.

www.sjpsolicitors.co.uk

Contact Us

Staveley, Johnson &
Procter Solicitors
Waverley House, 37
Greevegate
Hunstanton Norfolk
PE36 6AB

Telephone: 01485 532662
Fax: 01485 534802
DX: 95250 Hunstanton

info@sjpsolicitors.co.uk

Solicitors acting in the North Norfolk area, including King's Lynn and Norwich



**Conveyancing
Quality**

The Sandringham Newsletter

by kind permission of the Sandringham Estate
compiled by Helen Walch



July was a busy month at the Visitor Centre, with evening functions being held at the Restaurant, brass band performances in the open air, the Norfolk Mini Owners' Club rally and a Harley Davidson Owners' Group rally which saw over 150 motorcycles arriving together and parking on the Vista.

On the Farm, the winter barley harvest and the blackcurrant harvest are now completed. The weather this year has not been helpful for growers, so yields are lower than in previous years, and in addition wet weather at the crucial time made it hard to get machinery onto the fields.

In the Gardens, the wet weather encouraged growth of both lawns and weeds, which has kept gardeners busy. The usual summer hedge clipping programme is under way, and the vegetable patch in the Walled Garden is approaching its peak season, producing beans, courgettes and cabbages for the Restaurant kitchens.

Waterlilies in the Upper Lake were netted off earlier this year to keep fish from feeding on them which had severely reduced them. They are now starting to bulk up again nicely and should produce a beautiful display next year and in future years.

At the pigeon lofts, the young birds have now started to be trained from a distance of 5 miles to both the north and the south twice a day when weather conditions have allowed.

The Sandringham Flower Show on 27th July was as well attended as ever, the weather was sunny and warm after a damp start, and almost 20,000 people visited and enjoyed the arena events, trade stands, display gardens and fruit, vegetable and produce competitions.



At the Fruit Farm, this year's pick-your-own apple-picking season has started. The orchards will be open from 17th September for Cox's Orange Pippin and Bramley's Seedling, with other varieties available at the orchards ready picked and bagged. Sandringham apple juice, cider and apple liqueur will also be available at the orchards. Fruit Farm staff say it has been a good season for apples and there should be plenty of good-sized fruit on the trees. Ready-picked apples are also available at the Visitor Centre, of course, in the Plant Centre, along with an extensive range of spring bulbs,

Sandringham's range of heritage flower and vegetable seeds and all sorts of gifts for gardeners.

The 1900 Daimler left Sandringham briefly at the beginning of September, to feature in the Concours of Elegance held at Windsor Castle in honour of Her Majesty's 90th birthday. Extracting vehicles from the Museum building is always slightly tricky, particularly the veteran cars, and the Daimler's canopy had to be removed to get it through the doors, but all went smoothly in the end.

Events at the Visitor Centre in September include performances by the King's Lynn Ukelele Club, not forgetting the Farmers' Market held there on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Finally, a reminder that the start of autumn seems to be the signal for cases of Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI) to occur, continuing usually until the first frosts. Dog walkers should be aware that SCI is a mystery illness, affecting dogs during the autumn, which can prove to be fatal. Cases have occurred at Sandringham as well as in woodland in other parts of the country. SCI can affect dogs of any size, shape or sex and it causes dogs to become very ill, very quickly after being walked in woodland. The most common clinical signs are sickness, diarrhoea and lethargy typically experienced within 72 hours of walking in woodland. If dog owners suspect their dog is showing signs of SCI then they should contact their vet immediately. □



**QUALITY &
SERVICE
AT ITS BEST**

Solid Oak Flooring
Fully Installed

Laminate Flooring
Quick Step

Natural Floorings
Sisal, Seagrass, Coir,
Jute & Mountain Grass

Vinyls
10 rolls of quality Rhino Floor
Vinyls in stock now at
unbeatable prices.

Rugs
Traditional Hand Knotted
persian rugs and hand carved
Chinese/Indian rugs.

Carpets
1000's of samples to choose
from. Stock ranges include
80/20 wool twists, and felt
backed loop piles ideal for
rental properties.

Showroom open:
Mon to Fri 11am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

Guy Playford's Supreme Carpets & Rugs

The Home Selection Specialists, Foresters Hall, Manor Road, Dersingham
Tel: 01485 542384 | Visit our website www.supreme-carpets.co.uk



**Selling your
Property
just
1% + VAT**



**Letting your
Property
7.5% + VAT
Including Rent Guarantee**



See all our properties at beltonduffey.com • rightmove.co.uk • primelocation.com

• zoopla.co.uk and all other major property websites.



King's Lynn 01553 770055 • Fakenham 01328 855899 • Wells-next-the-Sea 01328 710666 • London 020 7629 9966



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Edmund
Hunstanton
with St Cecilia's, Dersingham



Our next social occasion will be the shared ladies lunch at St Cecilia's on Saturday 15th October starting at noon, all are welcome, just bring a plate of food to share. There will be a talk from parishioner Peg Hunter about how she became a dance teacher and examiner and a brief history of dances such as ballet, tap, ballroom and Latin, along with demonstrations.

Bishop Alan Hopes has started a Diocesan wide fundraising initiative called 'Alive in Faith'. Some parishes have already started and our parish will become involved shortly. The three main aims are to provide funds to support Seminarians and retiring or sick clergy, to provide for local needs of individual parishes and programs of outreach to help those who are most vulnerable in our communities. We are asked to learn about the key priorities for the Diocese and the local parish and we are invited to consider making a gift or pledge. Bishop Alan also asks for our prayers for the success of our endeavours. More information about this initiative is available on the Diocesan website www.rcdea.org.uk/alive-in-faith.

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.

Daily Masses will be 10am in the parish church at Hunstanton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday mass is usually at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham.

Sunday Masses are 9am at St Cecilia's, Mountbatten Road, Dersingham and 11am at Parish Church, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. The Parish telephone number is 01485 534675. If you require a Priest urgently please telephone V. Rev Canon Peter Rollings on 01553 772220.or email; parishpriest763@gmail.com

Website: www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org **Email:** parish@hunstantoncatholicparish.org

Companions of Park House

**Plan ahead with our half-term
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

in the Conservatory of Park House in Sandringham.

There will be stalls selling various crafts, books, children's toys, textiles, preserves, cakes, jewellery, bric-a-brac and much more.

Open from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm on

Wednesday 26 October 2016

free entry

children welcome

refreshments available

For further information please email parkhousecompanions@gmail.com

Companions of Park House raise funds to help disabled people enjoy a holiday at Park House.
Registered Charity No. 1079509



‘BOB OF LYNN’ SIR ROBERT WALPOLE AND HOUGHTON HALL By CHRIS BOXALL

Norfolk can boast many fine stately homes and country houses but Houghton Hall must surely be one of the grandest, with a great history to match. But, of course, I am prejudiced, having had the pleasure and the privilege of being a guide there for the past 21 years. Allow me to share my love of this magnificent Palladian mansion with you.

Houghton was built by Sir Robert Walpole (1676-1745), Britain’s first and longest-serving Prime Minister. Born in the old Jacobean hall at Houghton, Walpole would represent King’s Lynn as its M.P. for some 40 years. A member of the Whig Party (a forerunner of the Liberals), he became Chancellor of the Exchequer and First Lord of the Treasury in 1721, and thus Britain’s first Prime Minister for his 20 years 314 days in office, although he would never use the term of P. M. in reference to himself. He was aware that it had been coined as a political insult, but such is the English language and its people that the title soon became part of our vocabulary.

Walpole was the fifth child of Colonel Robert Walpole and his wife, Mary. Mary Walpole would give birth to 19 children over the course of 20 years but would lose 12 of these either at birth or in very early infancy. Educated locally at Gt. Dunham and Gt. Massingham, young Robert then went to Eton College and onto Kings College, Cambridge, where he studied the classics.

Following the death of his father in 1700, he then entered politics, being elected to the rotten borough of Castle Rising before moving to the richer prize of King’s Lynn. Despite his strong Norfolk accent and rural image, he soon made his presence felt in the city of London and began a steady rise through the political ranks, holding such posts as Treasurer of the Navy, Secretary at War and Paymaster General. A confirmed Supporter of the Hanoverian and Protestant Succession, he was opposed to the prospect of a possible Catholic monarch on the throne of England. He and his Whig colleagues were determined to prevent the often radical Tory faction from gaining power, knowing that they concealed within their ranks many closet Catholics.

In 1720, the country was rocked by the great financial scandal of the South Sea Bubble, a corrupt share flotation that lacked funds and collateral. When the ‘Bubble’ burst, it was Walpole, with the help of his personal banker, Robert Jacobme, who helped to restore calm to the country. Walpole, meanwhile, had made himself a healthy profit by dealing in South Sea Company shares before pulling out of the scheme prior to its collapse. From this point on, Walpole was the hero of the hour. Becoming Prime Minister in 1721, he would also be the first English minister to be given the occupancy of 10, Downing Street, thanks to the generosity of his friend, King George II. Therefore, modern politics, as we know it today, began with Robert Walpole. He would live through the reigns of six monarchs, from Charles II to George II, was married twice and fathered seven children.

He would prove to be a successful politician, a great statesman and a fine orator, although he would never lose his Norfolk accent, but he was also vain, ambitious and corrupt. To be fair to Walpole, this was the notorious age of corruption. From the merchant to the politician, the lawyer to the parson, all levels of society were engaged to some degree in corrupt activities. This was a time of rotten boroughs, bribery, sinecures, backhanders and vote rigging. Ten years before becoming PM, Walpole, as Secretary at War, had been incarcerated in the Tower



of London, accused of taking a bribe over a forage contract for army horses. Needless to say, the authorities could prove nothing against him and he was duly released.

Now, as the most powerful politician in the country, he realised that he now needed a mansion that reflected his new power and status. And so it was, in May 1722, that the foundation stone was laid on the south-east corner of his new Hall. Over a period of 13 years, he proceeded to pull down the old hall, stables and village and replace all three with new and impressive buildings. The new Hall was designed by the renowned Scottish architect Sir Colen Campbell and the interiors were decorated by the great interior decorator of his day, the Bridlington-born William Kent. Kent would be responsible for all the fine-painted ceilings, marble fireplaces and much of the original



furniture. He would also call upon the services of the Italian plasterer and stuccoist Giuseppe Artari and the Dutch sculptor John Michael Rysbrack. The grounds were laid out by Charles Bridgeman and Walpole also used the talents of his personal gardener, Fulke Harold, so admired by his employer that Walpole had his portrait painted.

Walpole spared no expense in building his new mansion. The outside stone came from a quarry near Whitby in Yorkshire and was floated down the North Sea to The Wash, where it was hauled by horse-drawn carts across land to the new building site. Meanwhile, the

white stone for the 40-foot cube of the Stone Hall was hewn from a quarry at Beer in Devon and made its way through the English Channel and up to Norfolk. The marble for the dining room and the Hall's fireplaces was imported from Italy and the mahogany for the grand staircase, the four-hundredweight doors and the carved benches travelled by ship from the Caribbean. One can only marvel at the size of the enterprise being undertaken and the vast number of craftsmen, artisans and labourers employed over that thirteen year period.

As each section of the hall was built, Kent, his associates and their respective teams moved in to decorate the interiors. Kent splendidly executed the classic designs Walpole required for his ceilings. The themes included Apollo, Aurora, Venus, Minerva and Flora, exquisitely drawn, painted and coloured by a master of his craft. Surely the most magnificent decoration of all has to be that in the Marble Parlour dining room. It pays homage to Bacchus, the god of wine, and

Walpole's own love of Chateau Lafite and Chateau Margaux, vast quantities of which would be drunk at Houghton. The parlour is adorned with thousands of grapes, painted, carved and plastered across the ceiling and over the fireplace. The head of Bacchus is painted in the frieze but, such was his own vanity, Walpole had his own head carved into the fire surround sporting a wig of grapes!

All this fine adornment was intended to impress Walpole's guests. They benefited from all the glitz and glamour of Kent's work but were required to stay



on the colder north side of the house. Walpole and his family, meanwhile, lived on the plain, warmer south side with its white ceilings and lack of gilt decoration on the woodwork. It was typical of Walpole that he didn't decorate rooms that only family, close friends and servants would see.

Walpole proved to be a great statesman and politician, encouraging trade with many countries. Being the MP for King's Lynn, one of the Hanseatic ports, he knew the importance of imports and exports. Such was his popularity that the people of the borough simply referred to him as their "Bob of Lynn". He was also instrumental in keeping Britain out of war for some twenty years at a time when our main enemies were France and Spain. This was no mean achievement.



But age, infirmity and a decline in his popularity eventually led to him leaving the Commons in 1742. Now, as the 1st Lord of Orford, he went to the Lords for the last three years of his life. In March 1745 he died aged 68, in great pain from kidney stones and gout, and weighing over 20 stone. Not for him Westminster Abbey or St. Pauls, a Norfolk man from start to finish, he was brought back to Houghton and buried beneath the altar of St. Martin's Church in the park at Houghton, where he still remains to this day.

He would be succeeded by his son, Robert, and then by his infamous grandson, 'Mad' George Walpole, the gambler and eccentric who would sell 204 of his grandfather's masterpieces to Catherine the Great of Russia. The last Walpole to live at Houghton was Sir Robert's third son, the great 18th Century writer Horace Walpole of Strawberry Hill fame. When he died without family or heir, the great house passed to the Cholmondeley family of Cheshire who still reside there today. Sir Robert's second daughter Mary had married into the Cholmondeley family and, on the death of Horace Walpole it was her grandson who would become the 1st Marquess of Cholmondeley.

Today the Hall is the home of Lord David Rocksavage, 7th Marquess of Cholmondeley and Lord Great Chamberlain of Great Britain. Since the English Civil War, the monarch is not allowed into Parliament without parliamentary approval. It is the Lord Great Chamberlain's function to act as the official go-between between the Sovereign and her politicians. The office of Lord Great Chamberlain is shared reign-and-reign about by the Cholmondeley and Ancaster families. For the reign of H.M. the Queen, the office has been held by three generations of the Cholmondeley family.

Lord Cholmondeley is married to Lady Rose Hanbury. They have twin sons, Alexander and



Our independent boutique offers a unique collection of smart and casual day wear at very reasonable prices

OPEN MON-SAT 10 am - 4.30 pm

The Old School, Castle Rising

King's Lynn, PE31 6AG

Tel: 01553 631915

www.allezchic.co.uk








Beautiful Ladies Fashions
to suit a varied age and size range

Oliver, and a new daughter, Iris, who was born in March this year.

In addition to the magnificent history and architecture of the Hall itself, visitors to Houghton can also enjoy the beauty of the five-acre walled garden, marvel at the amazing collection of 20,000 model soldiers, seek out the various pieces of modern sculpture in the grounds, roam the parkland (home to Houghton's unique herd of white deer) or visit St. Martin's Church. Recently installed in the churchyard is a memorial to the Australian crew of a Lancaster bomber which crashed in the park during World War II. Browse in our shop for a suitable souvenir or present and then relax in our excellent Stables Restaurant.



Our season runs from May to September and the Hall is open on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Bank Holiday Mondays. The grounds are open from 11.00am to 5.00pm, and the House from 12.30pm, with final admission at 4.30pm. If you've never visited us before, now is your chance to enjoy the splendour of one of the finest Palladian houses in Britain. Things are always changing on the estate, so even if you have been before, why not put us on your list for a return visit at some point. From this year, non-flash photography is now allowed in the House.

This season there is also an exhibition of the photographic technique of Martin d'Orgeval. Make a note in your diary for visit to Houghton. You'll get a warm welcome and we look forward to seeing you. □



British Made Lift & Rise Recliner



Sherborne Upholstery
Lift & Rise Electric Recliner
Small - Medium - Large Sizes in Stock
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

£699

VAT Free price if you're disabled
Normal price with VAT £839

Sofas - Chairs & Stools to Match
Choose from over 400 fabrics

Artertons

114 High Street
King's Lynn
Opp Debenhams

OPEN SUNDAYS - FREE PARKING
www.artertons.co.uk
01553 776659

Dates & Deadlines

© Kathryn Gigg FCA 2016



- 30 September** **COMPANY ACCOUNTS:** private companies with 31 December 2015 year-ends should file their accounts at Companies House.
CORPORATION TAX: returns for accounting periods ended 30 September 2015 should reach HMRC.
BUSINESS RATES: Small Business Relief claims for 2015/16 should be made to Local Authority by today.
- 1 October** **NMW/NLW:** the National Minimum Wage rises to £6.95 per hour for workers aged 21 to 24; £5.55 for those aged 18 to 20; £4.00 for those aged 16 to 17; and £3.40 for apprentices (i.e. those aged under 19, or 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship). Note that the National Living Wage for all working people aged 25 and over continues at £7.20 per hour, as set at 1 April 2016.
CORPORATION TAX: Payment due for periods ended 31 December 2015.
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX: Standard rate increases from 9.5% to 10%.
- 5 October** **INCOME TAX:** last date for individuals not already registered for Self Assessment to notify HMRC of chargeability to Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax for 2015/16. Complete Form CWF1 for the self-employed or Form SA1 for those not self-employed or Form SA401 for partners. This requirement also applies to Trustees and any other persons potentially within Self Assessment.
- 6 October** **PENSIONS:** Deadline for Pension Administrators to give a Pensions Savings Statement to scheme members if their pension inputs in the scheme in 2015/16 exceed the Annual Allowance.
- 7 October** **VAT:** Due date for VAT Return and payment for 31 August 2016 quarter end (electronic payment).
- 14 October** **FORM CT61:** Due for submission and tax paid for quarter ended 30 September 2016.
- 15 October** **US TAX:** deadline for US expatriates to file 2015 US Tax Returns if they have obtained a filing extension. If 2015 returns have not been filed by this date, the IRS may accept a written request for a further two months' extension to 15 December 2016.
- 19 October** **PAYE/CIS:** Pay liabilities for month ended 5 October 2016 if by cheque. File monthly CIS Return.
Payment of PAYE liability for quarter ended 5 October 2016 if average monthly liability is less than £1500.
- 19 or 22 October** **EMPLOYERS:** deadline to pay tax and Class 1B NICs due under PAYE settlement agreements for 2015/16 (19 October if paid by cheque or 22 October if paid electronically). Successive 5% penalties apply if the payment is 30 days, six months and one year late.
- 22 October** **PAYE:** Electronic payment of PAYE for quarter ended 5 October 2016 if average monthly liability is less than £1500.
- 31 October** **INCOME TAX SELF ASSESSMENT:** deadline to file tax returns for 2015/16 in paper form. The form must reach HMRC by midnight. If the notice to file was issued after 31 July 2016, the paper filing deadline is the later date of 31 October 2016 or three months from the issue date. This deadline does not apply where the return falls into one of the categories which cannot be filed online (for which the deadline is 31 January 2017).

INCOME TAX RETURN: returns for 2014/15 filed on paper after today attract a further penalty of up to 100% of the tax outstanding on 31 October 2015.

COMPANY ACCOUNTS: private companies with 31 January 2016 year-ends should file their accounts at Companies House.

CORPORATION TAX: returns for accounting periods ended 31 October 2015 should reach HMRC.

Caution: The information listed above is for general guidance only. You should neither act, nor refrain from action, on the basis of any such information. You should take appropriate professional advice on your particular circumstances because the application of laws and regulations will vary depending on particular circumstances and because laws and regulations undergo frequent change. Whilst I endeavour to ensure that the information contained herein is correct, neither I nor my firm shall be liable in damages (including, without limitation, damages for loss of business or loss of profits) arising in contract, tort or otherwise from any information contained in it, or from any action or decision taken as a result of using any such information. □



We Buy Local cars

If you are looking to sell your car we can offer a safe and secure immediate purchase.

Telephone: 01485 542246 or 07785 544376
or visit our website: webuylocalcars.co.uk

Waltersons, Lynn Road, Dersingham

Artist Patrick Preston

*Commissioned paintings
of Pets, Animals,
Portraits & more*



Dersingham 01485 544271 *(please leave a message if I'm out)*

www.patrickpreston.co.uk

"Pepe"
In pastels and coloured pencils



Heacham Christian Bookshop

1A Lodge Road, Heacham, Norfolk. PE31 7AA

Books, Bibles, Cards, CDs, DVDs, Candles, Gifts, Traidcraft products, Church resources, Stationery and other supplies

A warm welcome awaits visitors. Orders can be made via:

Tel 01485 579094 email hcbn@posmail.co.uk

www.stmarysheacham.webeden.co.uk

Open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am-5pm
(4pm in Feb)

Mann Made Developments Ltd

Specialists in Property Maintenance

Extensions, New Build, Renovation, Roofing (Rubber Bond)
plus All Other Tasks including groundwork, drainage, etc.

No Job Too big or Too Small

Call anytime for your Free Quote

07798 723287 or 01485 540008

or email: mark@cotton28.fsnet.co.uk



GUTTERING SERVICES

Guttering cleared
and repaired from £35
Local reliable and
friendly service

Free quote No job too small

Call Neill

01485 572002 07856 568433

Best Paws Forward

Experienced & Reliable Dog Walking Service
in Dersingham, Snettisham & Hunstanton

Call Hannah
07516979882



Computer Doctor

Your Digital Paramedics

All computer problems rectified at
your home. No fix No fee. Discretion
guaranteed. Very competitive rates.

(01553) 672442

(07876) 206660

www.computerdoctor.vpweb.co.uk

Est. 2004



Mr James E Kemp

B.Sc., D.C. Musculoskeletal Therapist

+

West Norfolk Osteopaths Ltd

REGISTERED OSTEOPATHS
FREE ASSESSMENTS

JUBILEE COURT, DERSINGHAM

e-mail: westnorfolkoosteopaths@me.com

Tel: 01485 541210

Making the most of autumn by Carrie Carey



I love autumn, it's my favourite season but I know it doesn't appeal to everyone. I relish those early morning mists and a lawn scattered with pearl like drops of dew. A softer, hazy light replaces the bright glare of a summer's day and there's a gentle hush across the landscape. The first hints of frost mean that the growing season is over and as the foliage begins to die back it may seem that the colour is draining from the garden. But this is a time of glorious transformation as the pinks, lilacs and yellows of summer flowers are replaced by gold and bronze leaves and deep auburn chestnuts.

This is also the season of the harvest and wildlife will be actively gathering stores of grain, fruit and seeds to store up for the winter. Migrating birds will need to build up their strength for the long, hazardous journey ahead and other animals increase their body fat to help them survive those colder days and nights. From now on my garden patch will provide a lifeline to birds and other animals seeking food, water and shelter over winter. One of the great joys of attracting wildlife to the garden at this time of year is that as well as improving their chances of survival, I'm gaining a deeper understanding of the needs and behaviour of the birds, mammals, invertebrates and others that drop in. A little effort now will bring endless moments of pleasure as wild visitors bring life to the backyard.

A word about the leaves that will end up scattered over everyone's gardens. It may look messy but the leaves can harbour insects and other invertebrates and these are good for blackbirds, dunnocks and others. Hedgehogs root around in leaf litter before they hibernate and toads and newts will use it for shelter. Earthworms too will be on hand to break down the leaves, benefiting the soil and lawns in years to come.

Early autumn is a wonderful time to be outside. I'm already showing the tell-tale signs of purple stained fingers from a morning gathering blackberries and my lips bear evidence of a haul of juicy pears. There are lots of other family activities to do outside to ensure that children don't retreat back into the house after a summer of outdoor fun. When my grandchildren visit we go out into the woods and make colourful crowns from fallen leaves and pine needles, jewellery from elder stems and forest mobiles using pine cones, acorns and winged maple seeds. A walk around the woodland at RSPB Titchwell reveals magical monsters lurking in old gnarled tree stumps or fallen logs or we might find a squishy puddle to jump in. While we are there we can look out for wildlife which, like us, is making the most of autumn.

My grandchildren love autumn and the chance to be outside at this time of year. Next time they visit we will be collecting plums and apples for sumptuous pies and crumbles and damsons and sloes for granddad. I wonder what he will be making with these. □



The West Norfolk Members Group invites you to:-

Illustrated talks:

Nyami Nyami's Revenge

John Davies will tell the story of the Zambezi River from source to sea, incl. Operation Noah and the Kariba Dam disaster

Thursday 27th October - 7.30pm

Norfolk through the lens of a Naturalist

Moss Taylor will talk about the birds, dragonflies, butterflies and wild flowers of the county

Thursday 24th November - 7.30pm

Venue: Hunstanton Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street

Cost: £2.00 members / £2.50 visitors





Focus on the Orange Tip *Anthocharis cardamines*. by Brian Anderson

This is the first in what I hope will be an occasional series focusing on our commoner British butterflies. I have been interested in (my wife Yvonne would say obsessive about) butterflies since I was a child. It is remarkable that, although British butterflies are the most intensively studied insect group in the world, new discoveries about their biology, ecology and behaviour are still being made.

The Orange Tip (or Orange-tip) is the quintessential spring butterfly. The male is the only one of our whites that can be identified at some distance by the bright orange of its wing tips. The female does not have the orange tip. The orange tip of the male is warning colouration to predators (largely birds) as the butterfly accumulates mustard oils as a caterpillar and these break down as highly distasteful compounds such as allyl isothiocyanate. The fact that the female does not have the orange is due to the difference in behaviour of the two sexes. The male is constantly active during fine weather seeking females and is therefore at a high risk of predation. The female sits inactive, usually in a shrub, until mated. Both sexes have the same pattern on the hind underwing - fine mottling of yellow and black scales that give an impression of green and provide superb camouflage for the resting butterfly. The orange pigment is produced from a waste product (uric acid) within the body and is at least one of a group of compounds called *pterins*.



Once mated the female then seeks out the foodplant (generally Lady's Smock or Garlic Mustard and in gardens Honesty or Sweet Rocket) and will lay a single egg per flower head. This is because the caterpillars are cannibalistic and dispersal of the eggs reduces the loss of offspring. The egg is greenish white when first laid but turns orange after two or three days. They are amongst the easiest butterfly eggs to spot and it's rare that I don't find some on Garlic Mustard in the spring. The caterpillar hatches out and eats the shell of the egg, then begins feeding first on the flowers and then on the elongated pods of the foodplant. It does this while lying along

the pod and this makes them difficult to find. As the caterpillar grows it sheds its skin several times before pupating away from the foodplant, emerging as the adult the following spring and is on the wing between early April and late June. In some years when the spring emergence is early there seems to be a small second brood in August. Some have put this down to late emergence in the first brood but if this is so it's hard to account for the gap of sightings in July. On the other hand, most of the foodplants are much less available, which would favour the late emergence hypothesis. There is some variation of wing pattern in Orange Tips. Some males have yellow wing tips rather than orange (aberration *aureoflavescens*) and some insects show a wing pattern incorporating both male and female features. These are not hermaphrodites (they possess only one set of reproductive organs) but are known as *gynandromorphs*. The most striking variety of *gynandromorph* is where one wing pair is male and the other female.





Gynandromorph

In the south of Britain the Orange Tip is a free-ranging butterfly of hedges, scrub and woodland edges and rides. Further north it tends to form colonial groups. It has been spreading north for some decades (my older field guides do not show it in Scotland) and I was surprised to find it quite common around Inverness in 1989.

The Orange Tip is not confined to Britain but is found widely across Europe, western Asia and the Near East. In the September 2015 issue of Village Voice David Bingham remarked on the French name of the Orange Tip - *l'aurore* (Rising Sun). The Germans call it the *Aurorafalter* (Sunrise Butterfly). Both these names are more attractive than ours - although we did used to call it 'The Lady of the Woods' which is a nice name. It is not the only orange tip to be found

in Europe - there are six other species. The Eastern Orange Tip *Anthocaris damone* reaches its western limit of range in Sicily where it is known as *Aurora dell'etna*.

On a holiday in Uzès in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France in 2005 Yvonne and I were lucky enough to see the European subspecies of the Moroccan Orange Tip, which has bright yellow as the ground colour rather than white.

This warning colouration is not confined to European butterflies - several species of orange tip are found in North America. On an extended work visit to Eastern Texas in the spring of 1982 I saw the Falcate Orange Tip. I didn't know it at the time but there is a tradition in Connecticut where butterfly enthusiasts gather at the West Rock nature reserve to see who can first spot this butterfly.



Moroccan Orange Tip



Colotis

And it's not just in temperate regions. Tropical species of orange (and indeed other colours) tip exist too. Africa has dozens of species of the genus *Colotis* many of which have brightly coloured wing tips, varying from yellow through orange to crimson-scarlet (the kind of colour the French call *sanc de boeuf*) to iridescent purple. The largest orange tip is found in Malaysia - the Great Orange Tip - which has a wingspan of 75mm.

All the temperate species feed on plants that allow the accumulation of mustard oils which makes them distasteful to birds. The tropical species feed on plants of the caper family which has a similar effect although the toxin is different.

One thing they all share is that they are all members of the family Pieridae. □

SEMBA TRADING CO LTD
 Sandstone Patio Pack £17.85 per M2 Reductions for quantity
 Various Paving • Sand & Shingle • Split Walling
 Guttering • Underground Pipe • Decorative Wall Blocks
 Posts • Bricks • Fencing Panels • Cement • Timber • PVC
 Water Butts • Insulation • Decking • Roofing Felt • Top Soil
 Sheeting • Sheet Materials • Sleepers • Chicken Wire etc
STATION YARD, DERSINGHAM
Telephone: 01485 541394



Point'z of Interest Therapie'z
Chinese & Complementary Treatments

For more information contact Nicola

07892942148

Traditional Chinese Medicine Acupuncture,
Reflexology, Massage & Holistic Therapie'z

40A Lynn Road, Dersingham

pointzofinterest.co.uk
Pointzofinterest@gmail.com

GARY KITE

Computer Services Dersingham

Sales, Upgrades, Repairs

Home Calls for Tuition

Broadband Installations

& General Maintenance

Over 25 years experience



Tel **01485 544606** Mobile **07775 512485**

●Personal Service ●Professional Technician



Karen Beales

For all your soft
furnishing needs

07738 290272

Karen.beales@yahoo.co.uk

Needles & Pins

Bespoke Soft Furnishings



GIVE YOUR PAINFUL FEET
A TREAT.....

MONICA CLARE

M.Ch.S., S.R.Ch.HPC REG.

Chiroprapist/Podiatrist

Mobile Chiropody Service

Telephone for appointments on:

01485 517168

email: treat4feet@btinternet.com

Geoffrey & Collings Co

Estate Agents,
Chartered
Surveyors,
Auctioneers

Independent Estate Agents Since 1965



- FREE MARKET APPRAISALS FOR SALE & LETTING
- COLOUR SALES DETAILS TO INCLUDE FLOORPLAN
- HONEST VIEWING FEEDBACK & WEEKLY UPDATES
- LYNN NEWS & EDP MAGAZINE ADVERTISING
- FULL LETTINGS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
- ACCOMPANIED VIEWINGS 7 DAYS PER WEEK

**1% SALES FEE WHEN YOU
QUOTE THIS ADVERT**

7B HUNSTANTON ROAD, DERSINGHAM, PE31 6HH

TEL. 01485 500222



WWW.GEOFFREYCOLLINGS.CO.UK



Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service



Sandringham Fire Station- Needs You!!

Have you ever thought of joining a highly trained and respected team that responds to emergency calls and protects your local community?

Yes!

Please contact me for an initial chat using my contact details below, or visit Watch Manager Andrew Painter on a Tuesday evening at Sandringham Fire Station; Dodds Hill, Sandringham, PE31 6LP between 19:00 and 21:30hrs. Applications welcome from all individuals male or female over 18yrs old. Alternatively visit <http://www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk/nfrs/becoming-a-retained-firefighter>

To do so you will need to:

- Live, work or both within approximately five minutes of Sandringham Fire Station.
- Be willing & able to respond to emergency calls at short notice during agreed periods.
- Be available to attend weekly training sessions on Monday evenings (times may vary depending on the training need).

In return you will:

- Become an employed and fully qualified Retained (On-Call) Fire-Fighter.
- Receive a good regular monthly income, holiday pay and the ability to join the pension scheme.
- Receive nationally accredited training.
- Become part of a highly trained and respected team who protect their community.



Do **YOU** fancy the challenge?
Enquire Now!

Recruitment officer: WM Glen Gates

Mob: 07946331359

Email: glen.gates@fire.norfolk.gov.uk

www.ajdautorepairs.com

AJD *auto repairs*

Motor Vehicle Engineers



- CARS ● LIGHT COMMERCIALS ●
- MOTOR CYCLES ●
- AIR CON SERVICE & REPAIR ●



5 BANK ROAD, DERSINGHAM

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK PE31 6HW

AJD
auto
repairs

TEL (01485) 540039

email: info@ajdautorepairs.com

AJD
auto
repairs

Royal Sandringham Estate Sawmill

Sandringham Sawmill, Sandringham, Norfolk

HIGH QUALITY TIMBER FOR:

- Fencing ■ Beams ■ Decking ■ Trellis Panels
- Gates and all general timber work

ALL TIMBERS ARE PRESSURE TREATED

Stockists of:

- Oak ■ Firewood ■ Fencing Panels ■ Arches
- Rustic & Machined Poles

**HIGH QUALITY SELECTION OF
BULLDOG GARDEN TOOLS**

Tel: 01485 543641 Fax: 01495 543239

Silver City Airways and Empire Ken.

By 4098014 SAC Beales (Barry)

Rough seas, welcome home!

On reading John Lambert's recent description of his encounters with Silver City Airways and the Empire Ken. I thought I could bore you with my experiences with the same two "legends of travel". In May 1952 I graced the RAF with my presence, travelling from North Creake to Cardington, of R101 fame, to be sworn in, (and at), from there to Bridgenorth for square-bashing and then 10 weeks training to be a Ground Wireless Mechanic at RAF Locking.

After passing out I was posted to RAF Tangmere and from there to RAF Wattisham. I was then told I would be going to the Canal Zone. From the holding camp at RAF Lytham- St - Annes I was sent to RAF Lynham. This was where I encountered "Silver City Airways" Tah Dah!! The plane we were to fly in was a WW2 Dakota, and the first leg of the flight was from RAF Lynham to Nice. Well, flying in a tail wheel aircraft is to say the least interesting, when on the ground the plane slopes upwards from back to front and you level out when the tail comes off the ground. The plane itself was very noisy and the "in flight entertainment" was to count the loose rivets on the wings!



We arrived in Nice with no problems and flew out the next morning bound for Malta, however we encountered a bad thunderstorm and were forced to return to Nice. Next morning we took off for, and arrived at, Malta, from there we flew to RAF Tel-el- Kebir in North Africa and next day on to our final destination RAF Fayid. The whole trip took four and a half days, to fly from London to Cairo today takes four hours!



After two years at Abu Suier I returned to the UK by sea from Port Said on the illustrious troopship Empire Ken. She was built in 1928 by Blohm and Voss and her original name was Ubena. She was used by the German Navy as a hospital ship and in 1945 was taken over by the Ministry of transport and renamed the Empire Ken. She carried 300 troops.

The accommodation on board could not be described as luxurious with two rows of metal beds which were chained up to the wall during the day and let down at night. We left from Port Said and bought presents to take home from the floating souvenir sellers. The Med was very rough with many of us being sick, but of course we weren't seasick, it was the greasy food!. During one particularly rough bout when we were in the mess you could see sky out of one side and sea the other then vice versa. The crew said "If you think this is rough you wait till we get to the Bay of Biscay". However after stopping at Gibraltar for water and fuel the Bay was as calm as a millpond and we arrived in Southampton to a welcome from a military band. □



Real People by Marius Jaspers

The gangway of the Harwich ferry was out of order, so we were driven to the terminal in a ramshackle bus. Before it had completed the 200 metres to its destination a haggard-looking Englishwoman sighed audibly and blurted out: "They have been saying the same bloody thing for three years and it still hasn't been repaired." She paused for effect and continued: "I have been away for a fortnight and now I'll just have to put up with it all again."

Welcome to Great Britain! Had things become that bad since my last visit? I must admit I had had some misgivings about the mood of the country, post-referendum. Dutch television had shown ugly scenes of haranguing demagogues and harassed, cowed foreigners. In that sense we felt lucky to get ashore without the natives jeering or pelting us with unwanted fruit.

I should explain I am not a complete stranger to these parts. Since I studied English Literature in the late seventies, I have spent most of my summer holidays on the British Isles. Speaking of Anglophilia... This year we had settled on Norfolk, as after 30 years I still cherished happy memories of a cycling trip through East Anglia, with its quiet country lanes and ancient Norman churches, many of them unlocked (and unvandalised!). A pretty cottage happened to be available in Dersingham and that is how we ended up in Jannoch's Court, off Chapel Road.

This being number 102 of your 'Village Voice' it would be absurd for me to sing the praises of Dersingham's many charms. You know them much better than I do. What may surprise you is that I did not fall for your village at once. This was mainly due to the traffic, which was a lot busier than expected. During our first reconnaissance walks cars were forever roaring by. They OWNED the place, or so it seemed to me, and as a pedestrian I sometimes felt a second rate citizen (especially that time my wife and I returned from a glorious walk to the Salt Marshes and it took us ten humiliating minutes to find a gap in the A149 traffic wide enough to scamper across to safety).

The ubiquitous cars made it harder for us to get the feel of the place. Through the noise they produced, for one thing, but also because they hide from view the good folk of Dersingham. An Englishman's home is his castle, as the saying goes, and the same might be said of his car. In my home town of Haarlem (150,000 inhabitants) many people go about on bikes, which means you can look at each other and sometimes establish a fleeting rapport. In our first few days in Dersingham we only saw the trolley-pushing shoppers in your Spar and Budgens; beyond the parking area we barely saw a soul, with the notable exception of the white-clad players on the bowling green, who made us feel as if we had time travelled back to Edwardian times, if not the Regency period. But at least these were real people; one of them kindly invited us to attend one of their Saturday 'roll ups' or 'roll ins' (unfortunately the day didn't suit us).

Mind you, my wife and I were having a marvellous time - picking samphire, exploring creeks and cliffs, and pottering about in our cottage - in spite of the lack of 'real people'. And if approachable individuals were few and far between, crowds made up for their absence: at Sandringham House, at the Food and Drink Festival and by the seaside in Hunstanton. We could not help noticing how many of these people were shockingly overweight (men, women, children), as if they had given up on themselves ages ago. Were these the voters, I wondered sarcastically, who had proudly decided to steer their own course, independent of Europe? And as for those maligned foreigners supposedly taking over the country, where were they hiding? So far in the Dersingham region I had spotted more ornithologists than refugees and asylum seekers.

I must admit I did not quite understand what had got into me. Why I found myself being so rude and negative about my beloved England. Was I irrationally waiting for a Brexit-apology, I



wondered after some self-analysis. Some justification? Some reassurance that we could still be friends and that the invisible British (ensconced in their cars) had not all turned into Europhobes or rabid populists? Something rankled, that was for sure...

As it happened it took exactly two hours to mollify me. On a notice board we had seen an announcement of a 4,5 mile walk in Brancaster on 10 August. Starting point at the church at 2 p.m. On a whim we decided to join. We took the Coast Hopper and allowed ourselves some extra time to visit St. Mary's first. When we emerged from the churchyard gate just before the hour, some twenty people had already gathered, most of them sporting grey hair or cotton hats. I did not find out until later they were Dersingham-based. Leader Elizabeth Fiddick shook hands with us, glanced at her watch and blew her whistle in military fashion. She outlined the day's route and pointed out the 'backwatch', a functionary whose task it was to round up any stragglers and to propel laggards. The whistle was blown furiously once more. Everybody paired off purposefully and marched off at a fairly ambitious pace. My wife and I followed suit, supervised by the backwatch on duty.

Without exception the pairs were nattering away quite happily. My wife and I (neither of us ardent conversationalists) exchanged the odd phrase in Dutch. Nobody took any notice of our presence. After a quarter of an hour, just after I had facetiously said to my wife that as post-Brexit foreigners we would be in for a long and lonely march, each in our own rut of the farm track, we suddenly - I am not sure how it happened - found ourselves involved in a little chat about the Olympic Games. Had we, unbeknownst to ourselves, passed some secret test? Anyway, from then onwards conversation never flagged. Not a stiff upper lip in sight and everybody I talked to proved eloquent, knowledgeable and outgoing.

I now know that the white, mud-pecking bird I saw is an 'egret'; I was also told that in Spanish it is called 'garza' and the Dutch name (here Google obliged) turned out to be 'kleine zilverreiger' (= small silver heron). As the walk neared its end I daringly broached the subject of Brexit - and much to my relief I got an elaborate, well-informed answer. Not only were these real people, they were reasonable people to boot and socially aware. One little niggle I feel I should mention: at the halfway rest I was disappointed to see no spectacular exhibition of homemade cakes and sandwiches - they were not that sort of club apparently - but leaving that aside it was a perfect afternoon.

When we arrived back at Brancaster church (on schedule, at four on the dot) there was no loitering. Most participants withdrew into the privacy of their cars instantly (as if the whistle had been blown), turning themselves into invisible Brits again. But by then my confidence in the viability of the species had been largely restored. There were still some very fine specimens around, in Dersingham anyway.

Among them Brian (of badger fame), who offered us a lift to Thornham, where we rounded off the afternoon with a visit to All Saints Church. We returned by bus to Dersingham, where the Coach and Horses (such a great pub!) provided us with an excellent meal, two pints of real ale and, would you believe it, some more real people. □



Some strange pictures I took through the wobbly glass of the Coach and Horses (warping the walls of the houses opposite).

PUZZLES

Word Wall 17 by Philip Neal Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words:

BEAVER	MAIL	ANT	GAUNTLET
BURE	GOOSE	FOOTBALL	GROUSE
MAH JONG	POCHARD	ROUNDEL	YARE
PINTAIL	THURNE	PARTRIDGE	SHELDUCK

Sudoku No 50								
					1	9		7
6							3	
		5	7				8	
4			9					1
		8				4		
2	9		5				7	
		7	2	4	3			6
1	3							
					8		5	

Brain Teasers by Brian Eldridge

1. I was walking in a mythical kingdom where politicians always lie and non-politicians always tell the truth. I came upon three natives and asked the first person if he was a politician.

After he answered, the second person informed me that the first had always denied being a politician, and then the third person interjected saying that the first really is a politician.

Who was a politician?

2. In gaol were three prisoners. Two were sighted, although one only had one eye; the third was blind. They knew it was the gaoler's birthday and that he had decided to free the prisoner who could pass a simple test. The gaoler lined up the three each with their nose against the wall, and informed them that in

his sack were five small party hats; three white and two red.

He placed one hat from the sack on the back of each prisoner's head such that the sighted could only see another's hat, and not their own. The three were then free to move around.

The gaoler said to the first prisoner (with two eyes) "If you can tell me the colour of your hat, you will have your freedom". The first prisoner was unable to do so. The gaoler offered the same chance to the second prisoner (with one eye) but he also was unable to tell.

The gaoler was a nasty man and was going to ignore the blind prisoner but the latter pleaded for the same opportunity for freedom ending with a "Happy Birthday Sir!". The gaoler smiled and agreed. The blind man promptly told him the colour of his hat and walked to freedom (with some assistance).

What colour was the blind man's hat and how did he know?

TEASER ANSWERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE,
TO GIVE READERS TIME TO THINK!

Other answers on page 78

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM FOR...



QUALITY BESPOKE TRADITIONAL AND MODERN KITCHENS FROM 2 OF ENGLANDS FINEST, PRENTICE AND SYMPHONY KITCHENS.



BATHROOMS, WET ROOMS, MOBILITY SHOWERS, WE HAVE IT ALL FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM. WE WILL TURN YOUR OLD BATHROOM INTO A ROOM FIT FOR A KING OR QUEEN TO LUXURIATE IN

USING OUR OWN DESIGNERS AND FITTERS WE WILL DESIGN, PROJECT MANAGE AND INSTALL YOUR ORDER TO YOUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION. THAT'S SATISFACTION BY DESIGN FROM...

BEDROOMS TO DREAM ABOUT WITH TRADITIONAL WARDROBES, MODERN DESIGNS OR A CHOICE OF SLIDING ROBES TO MAKE ANY BEDROOM A DELIGHT TO SLEEP IN



Town & Country
(Kitchens, Bedrooms & Bathrooms) Ltd.

Nelson House, Bergen Way,
King's Lynn, PE30 2DE
Tel: 01553 766578
Web: www.towncountrykitchens.com
Open: Mon to Fri: 9am-5pm
Sat 10am -4pm. Closed Sundays



- QUALIFIED TREE SURGEON
- ALL ASPECTS OF TREE WORK
- ONE OFF JOBS & REGULAR MAINTENANCE
- TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING

CALL OR EMAIL
FOR A FREE QUOTE
07554428556

owen.everitt@hotmail.co.uk



NPTC QUALIFIED



www.oestrees.co.uk

Extra Hands Established 1993
Providers of Home Care in Norfolk

Norfolk Care Awards 2014 Winners

We are a local award winning Independent Home Care Specialist, providing carers trained to the highest standards including Dementia Care. We offer a wide range of services within the home setting which are tailored to suit individual needs from personal care to shopping and companionship.



If you or anyone you know may be interested in our services please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below or call in to our office at Heacham for further advice and information.

**Thinking of a career in Social Care?
Why not join our award winning team**

- We offer:
- Good rates of pay
 - Various hours available
 - Enhanced holiday entitlement
 - Paid mileage
 - Free DBS (CRB) check and uniforms



Tel: 01485 570611

Extra Hands, Unit 13, Heacham Hall Ind. Est.
Hall Close, Hunstanton Road, Heacham,
Norfolk. PE31 7JT



www.extrahandshomecarenorfolk.co.uk

Extra Hands is regulated by the CQC to provide care and meet all of the CQC National Standards



Stand by for seal pups! by Albert Ward

Twenty-five years ago a handful of Atlantic grey seals struggled to raise pups on the quiet beaches of Horsey and Winterton. Needing sanctuary above the tide-line where they could give birth and nourish their single pup, these wide stretches of gently sloping sands sheltered by high dunes, offered grey seals the perfect rookery site. Local villagers and winter visitors were excited to come across appealing, fluffy, white pups on their beach walks, and news about the babies gradually spread and more people came to see them. Some of them brought along their dogs. Well-meaning visitors tried

to return pups to the sea, where they thought they should be.

Nervous females, unable to cope with disturbance, abandoned newly born pups, leaving them to starve. Breeding success was low in those times but a few pups did survive – 4 in 1994-5 - and the seals continued to turn up, winter after winter. Right from the start local people did their best to help the seals, keeping an eye on them, and asking other people to give them space. Among them was the indefatigable John Heseltine, who is commemorated on interpretation boards on the site. John's concern to look after those first seals catalysed the development of the wardening we see today, and the notes he made were the start of regular counting and recording of the progress of the Horsey rookery, data used in marine mammal research.

That was 25 years ago. From those small beginnings, more than 1200 pups were born on these same beaches in the winter of 2015-16. Now, however, the beach at Horsey is voluntarily closed to visitors from November to January, and 150 seal wardens volunteer to help the seals by greeting and talking to visitors. The wardens explain what is happening in the rookery and guide visitors to viewing places where they get best views of this wonderful, natural, wildlife spectacle.

The number of visitors has grown dramatically in recent years, encouraged by reports and pictures in the press, and posts on social media, and it is estimated that 60-70 thousand people visited the Horsey site in the three months from November 2015. For many who live close, a visit has become a regular part of their Christmas celebrations, but visitors also come from many parts of UK and from other countries. Speaking to them is rewarding for the wardens, and it's clear that visitors are keen to understand what is going on in the unfolding dramas taking place on the beach before them. Protective mothers defend their territories from the approach of another seal, or signal to a male, hissing open-mouthed, and gesturing with agitated flippers, that mating is not yet an option. Visitors stare at the unexpected turn of speed of a huge beach master expelling an intruding male, or for the very lucky, are present at the moment of birth itself, usually quickly over and witnessed by just a few.

In 2002 rangers from English Nature (now called Natural England) and the Broads Authority, encouraged by John Buxton, landowner and conservationist, formalised wardening the site. Seal Project rangers recruited and trained a small band of seal wardens, about a dozen at that time. 50 births were recorded in their first season. The project grew; later, a voluntary beach



closure was introduced and viewing platforms were constructed on the dunes overlooking the rookery. Seal births, visitors and numbers increased slowly over the following years. In 2008 the international banking crisis occurred and government grants were reduced, and in 2011 both Natural England and the Broads Authority were forced to withdraw their financial support. Facing the possibility of having to close the seal project, the suggestion was made that a community group could take over its management and Friends of Horsey Seals was inaugurated in 2012.



The new organisation was severely tested in December 2013 when meteorological conditions combined in a tidal surge, causing flooding along the east coast, and sweeping hundreds of seals and pups off Horsey’s beaches. Around 180 pups were lost that night, but others were deposited on the broader beach near Winterton. Seal wardens showed their mettle and determination to help. Many of the pups were newly born and still suckling. Very few were reunited with their parent. Those most in danger of starvation were lifted off the beach by RSPCA, aided by wardens, and transported to RSPCA’s Wildlife Centre at East Winch, where staff and volunteers put in hours of work to care for them, and members of the public, responded generously to an appeal led by Archant Newspapers which helped to cover the costs.

Horsey’s seals featured again in the national news last season when apparent twins were born on the dunes. Twin births in the wild are known to occur, but the survival of one or both pups would be unlikely. In this case the mother accepted both pups and they survived and prospered with her for 10 days. At that stage her milk would have been exhausted and she left them.

Without help survival at that age was doubtful and RSPCA East Winch were again asked to help. Determined to prove the relationship of the pups, David Vyse, from FoHS committee, who was at Horsey on the day of the births, collected natal blood and obtained tissue samples, arranging DNA testing by a Norwegian Marine Institute. After many weeks the result was declared and the pups were confirmed to be twins.

Now in its fifth year Friends of Horsey Seals (FoHS) is preparing for another season of seal births. Throughout the project visitors have been welcomed and looked after by seal wardens who know that talking to people about the seals and their life cycle is key to their enjoyment of the spectacle, and increases their understanding of how to act when seals are close by.

Each year FoHS deals with more seal births and more visitors. A team of enthusiastic volunteers warden year after year, but every year more volunteers are needed to share the load and FoHS is recruiting now. If you have an interest in nature, enjoy talking to people, like being outdoors even when it’s cold - and you have some time to offer weekdays and weekends, get in touch with Friends of Horsey Seals and find out more. FoHS will be very happy to train you.

Email:- enquiries@friendsofhorseyseals.co.uk for further information. □

Brian R Goodison
Carpentry - Joinery - Plumbing
Building Maintenance
General Repairs
No Job Too Small
Phone:
01553 630825
07949 301512

 A black toolbox with various tools including a hammer, screwdriver, and pliers. The tools are arranged in a way that they are easily accessible.

DAVID THOMPSON MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEP



- All chimneys, flues & appliances swept
- Brush and vacuum used
- CCTV Chimney surveys
- Bird/rain guards, vent caps and cowls supplied and fitted
- NVQ qualified chimney engineer

01328 851081

www.the-sweep.co.uk

D. Thompson Chimneys Ltd

CHRISTYANA FABRICS & BLINDS

Free Quotation and Fitting Service

Making Up Service Available

Contract Work Undertaken

Paula Bloom

18 Lynn Road

Dersingham

01485 541111

07917 695069

For Sale

**RONCE
& EVANS**

01485 541843

www.rounceandevans.co.uk



SOLD

**RONCE
& EVANS**

01485 541843

www.rounceandevans.co.uk

Thinking of Selling?

Call us **NOW** for a **FREE, NO OBLIGATION VALUATION.**

- NO SALE – NO FEE
- COMPETITIVE FEES

sales@rounceandevans.co.uk

Tel: 01485 541843

www.rounceandevans.co.uk

Zoopla.co.uk
Smarter property search

NAEA
NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
ESTATE AGENTS

Find out more about our properties at
rightmove.co.uk
The UK's number one property website

Home is where you park it

The Low Countries by David Bingham



The Dutch and Flemish lands across the North Sea are our near neighbours but a visit there always seems to be a journey to a very foreign place. The scenery is often uninspiring but this is more than compensated for by a wealth of history, art, architecture - and a surprising amount of wildlife for such a heavily populated part of the world. Their food may lack the sophistication of the cuisine from countries to the south but there are excellent beers, cheeses and, of course, chocolates to be had. This diet doesn't seem to do them any harm because Dutch men are statistically the tallest in the world and Dutch women are only

overshadowed by the giant ladies of Lithuania. The locals are generally rather reserved but friendly if you take the trouble to talk to them. This is easy to do because they all seem to speak excellent English. So for all these reasons we pointed our motorhome north and braved the Antwerp ring road in the pouring rain on an expedition to learn a little more about these strange lands.

We don't make firm bookings but prefer to head for a general location and just see what is there. National parks are favourite destinations because they are special places set aside for people and nature. Our first stopover was at a campsite on the edge of the Nationaal Park Zuid-Kennermerland. This protected area is close to the quintessentially Dutch town of Haarlem and is a landscape of massive sand dunes, wetlands and forests. The park is criss-crossed by excellent brick-weave cycle tracks. The Dutch are obsessive cyclists but their bikes tend to be sturdy 'sit up and beg' affairs rather than the super lightweight racing bikes favoured by our own Chris Froome and Laura Trott wannabes. We spent a leisurely day cycling around Zuid-Kennermerland, stopping off at a couple of the excellent cafes along the way so we probably gained weight despite all the pedalling.



We then headed north to the port of Den Helder and caught the ferry to the island of Texel (pronounced Tessel). I'd wanted to visit Texel for some time and wasn't disappointed with what I found there. Texel is the largest and southernmost of the Friesian islands that run along the western coasts of The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark like a string of pearls. If you look at the TV weather map you will see them opposite Norfolk and Texel is the large island at the bottom of the chain. The western side of the island forms the impressive Nationaal Park Duinen van Texel and resembles the north Norfolk coastal landscape of sand dunes and woodlands. The eastern side abuts the Waddenzee and is an important wintering ground for waders and wildfowl - like The Wash but on a bigger scale (many of the waders wintering at the Snettisham RSPB reserve also spend time in the Waddenzee). We were lucky enough to be cycling along the sea wall past Utopia Farm at high tide and saw large flocks of dunlin and knot flying into the specially created roost sites much like the Snettisham reserve. The centre of Texel is made up of traditional Dutch polders with plenty of the special breed of sheep that take their name from the island (they have very fat heads). As expected all of the island is accessible on safe cycle tracks that have everything except

shelter from a sudden thunderstorm (as we found out). We stayed on a campsite in the pretty village of Den Hoorn where we saw the Dutch solution to road planning. All signs and markers have been removed and road users (bicycles, pedestrians, cars etc) are expected to negotiate the use of the space between themselves in a courteous way. Could this work in England? The lighthouse in the north of Texel bears the scars of fierce battles that were fought between German and Georgian troops at the end of the war (hostilities actually continued after the war had ended). The Georgians were fighting with the Germans but mutinied and started fighting against them at the tail end of the war.

We left Texel with reluctance but plan to return one day. Our journey continued over the Houtribdijk causeway that separates the IJsselmeer from the Markermeer – a scary experience because the wind was blowing and the sea was lapping against both sides of the roadway. Dutch roads are actually really good (Belgium roads less so). Our destination was Lelystad and the reason for the visit was to experience the revolutionary rewilding project on the landscape scale Oostvaardersplassen reserve that lies next to the town. This former agricultural land has been given over to nature and large numbers of red deer, konik ponies and an ancient breed of cattle have been introduced to simulate

conditions as they would have been when the mega fauna roamed the land at the end of the last ice age. Sick and injured animals are shot because the reserve lacks large predators that would naturally control them and the carcasses are left to rot. This carrion has attracted ravens and magnificent white-tailed eagles share the feast and now breed on the reserve. It was amazing to see the large herds of herbivores that resembled a scene from an east African safari and there are plans to make the reserve even bigger. They also have a great café with more lovely cakes!



We headed south to the Belgium city of Gent. Gent is full of interest and has some fine buildings and museums. It is livelier than Brugge and they were setting up stages all over town for their annual music festival when we arrived. We did the tourist thing and took a look at the ‘Adoration of the Mystic Lamb’ in the Cathedral, said to be a masterpiece of medieval art, followed by a trip up to the top of the Belfort clock tower to view the city from above. Lunch in a Belgian café was followed by a canal trip and a couple of beers in the Graslei – Gent’s social hub. This whistle stop visit only scratched the surface of what this fine city has to offer.



The culture of the Low Countries spreads north along the German North Sea coast and south into the old French regions of Flandre and Artois. Our final stopover was on a campsite just south of Calais and it was clear we had entered a different world because the countryside resembled the chalklands of Sussex. It was Bastille Day and we joined the holidaymakers on the beach beneath the Cap Blanc-Nez and watched the channel ferries coming and going. It was a good trip and demonstrated that there is no need to travel to the opposite side of the globe to experience different cultures and different ways of viewing the world. □

mcp

SOLICITORS

28/32 Kings Street
King's Lynn, PE30 1HQ
www.mcp-law.co.uk
01553 778100

FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

Services provided:

Family, Property, Crime, Commercial, Employment, Personal Injury, Wills & Probate, Dispute Resolution

Town centre location

Home visits available on request

Fixed fees available



METCALFE COPEMAN & PETTEFAR LLP SOLICITORS

East Coast Stoves



**Supply, Installation, Service
and repair of all types of
Multifuel and Wood Burning Stoves**

~ FREE HOME SURVEY ~

Tel: 01553 827631

Mobile: 07979 342320

www.ecstoves.co.uk



10 Little Holme Road, King's Lynn, PE34 4EW



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Bog News from Tom Bolderstone

NATURAL
ENGLAND

It doesn't seem long since we were celebrating the arrival of Nightjar back from their wintering grounds and now most of them will be on their way back after a mixed breeding season.

We thought many of the breeding pairs would be affected by the wet and windy weather in early May, but many of the pairs surprised us and managed to sit through the weather and produce big healthy chicks. Whilst numbers of males were average the numbers of females on the site were slightly down on previous years. There are a number of reasons for this but the main one is that the males when migrating managed to have the right weather conditions to cross the channel whereas the females didn't, meaning they may have ended up staying to breed on the continent. This trend of fewer females than males has been mirrored across other sites in Norfolk and the rest of the country. Although there were fewer females this year the ones that were here managed to produce and fledge good numbers of young and throughout the year we had only two nests fail, which is a great success.

This year the warm evenings were particularly good for hearing the churring of the Nightjars and some great views were had on some of our survey evenings. We even had good views of recently fledged youngsters on the track some 10 metres away from us. Some of the sunsets on the site were particularly impressive this year with the vibrant pinks and oranges creating beautiful views and vistas across to the Wash.

The staff and volunteers have been working on a wide variety of tasks but the two major ones that they have been involved with have been Bracken spraying and the cutting of two mire restoration plots. Bracken can be quite an invasive plant and can shade out and stunt the growth of the heather and heathland plants underneath it. Each year the staff and volunteers put in many hours across the whole site spraying off the bracken. This has to be repeated each year and eventually reduces the bracken cover. This then allows the heather to flourish and provides new habitat for breeding Nightjar and many insects and plants.

The staff and volunteers have also been doing the annual cut of the mire/bog restoration areas. These are plots, within the bog area that have been overrun with a grass called "Molinia" or Purple moor grass. This grass grows into large tussocks which then prevent many of the specialist bog plants, such as sphagnum mosses and sundews from growing. We removed the tussocks to create new bare areas and each year we have to cut the areas to prevent the Molinia from taking over again. The restored areas are now well established and plants such as sundews, sphagnum mosses and cotton grass are now growing well in these areas.

As September draws nearer the colours start to change on the reserve from the bright pinks and purples to the impressive greys and browns. The birdlife changes too with most of the summer visitors disappearing and being replaced by the winter visitors. Soon the distinctive noise of pink footed geese will be heard across the reserve and beyond, a sign of a new season beginning. □
Thomas.bolderstone@naturalengland.org.uk





Domestic Appliance Repairs



Contact us, a **reliable** family business for over 30 years, for **fast** and **dependable** repairs to your domestic appliances.

Same or next day visit within 30 miles from

King's Lynn

01553 768557 Mobile 07775 858255

* * *

Need a replacement cooker, fridge or other kitchen appliance?

NEW AND RECONDITIONED MODELS

are available from our shop, together with spares and **expert, friendly** advice.

DK APPLIANCES



01553 768557
Mobile 07775 858255



CYCLE SALES

CYCLE REPAIRS

CYCLE HIRE

CYCLE ACCESSORIES

A. E. WALLIS

HIGH STREET

HEACHAM

01485 571683

Established 1939

www.aewallis.co.uk

[twitter @heachamcycleman](https://twitter.com/heachamcycleman)

R&B

Turf & Groundcare Machinery Specialists

The Workshop, Marsh Farm,

Wolferton, King's Lynn PE31 6HB



We Mend ~ You Mow

01485 540645



SUZIES FITNESS

west norfolk

FOR ALL MY CLASSES
SEE MY TIME TABLE AT

WWW.suziesfitness.co.uk

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL

07900 818311



Committed to you!



At key times in life it is vital that you have quality legal advice from a team you can trust and work with.

Hayes + Storr run a legal surgery at Rounce & Evans Estate Agents every Thursday afternoon and otherwise by appointment.

Telephone 01553 778900
for further details

Please contact:

- Fakenham - 01328 863231
- Holt - 01263 712835
- Hunstanton - 01485 524166
- King's Lynn - 01553 778900
- Sheringham - 01263 825959
- Wells - 01328 710210



www.hayesandstorr.co.uk | law@hayes-storr.com

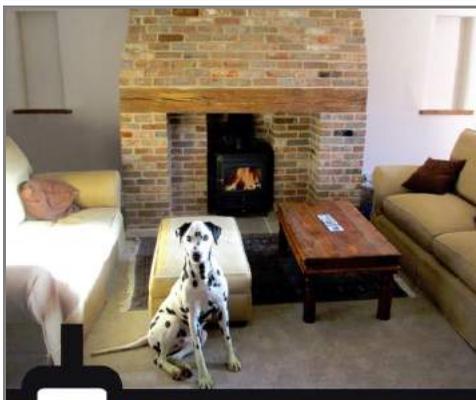


- **Carpentry** • *Over 30 years experience*
- **Kitchens** • *Fully Insured*
- **Bathrooms** • *All work guaranteed*
- **Tiling** • *Free estimates*
- **Alterations** • *No job too small*
- **Improvements** • *Reasonable rates*
- **Decorating** • *10% OAP discount*
- **Maintenance**

CRB Checked / Friendly Service

Ring Paul 01485 544500

Mobile 07769 587740



SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF WOODBURNERS

Norfolk's agent for Aga, Hunter & Parkray Stoves



CAST IRON STOVES



01328 700161

www.norfolkwoodburners.co.uk

Angelina's CURTAINS AND BLINDS

Curtains ♦ Roman Blinds ♦ Wallpaper

Everything your windows need,
professionally measured and fitted.



Unit 1, Heacham Hall Industrial Units,
Heacham, Norfolk PE31 7JT

Call us on 01485 571147

www.angelinasinteriors.com

email: angelinasinteriors@gmail.com

10,000 Guides & Scouts, a 120 acre site - its the Essex International Jamboree 2016 by Elizabeth Wheeler

For one week at the start of August 10 girls from the 1st Dersingham, 1st Sandringham and 1st Gayton Guides combined together to attend Essex 2016 at Boyton Croos near Chelmsford along with 10,000 other Scouts and Guides from across the world. All the girls have been on Guide camp before, some have even been on an international camp before whereas for others this was their first experience of a large scale international event.

All the Scout & Guide groups attending a Jamboree are split into Subcamps - we were on Mendes Rainforest, named after Chico Mendes the Amazonia Conservationist. As the Jamboree's theme was "Our Changing World", the subcamps were named after people who have made a difference, others included "Nightingales Ward", "Newtons Lab" and "Westwoods Wardrobe", each with their own badge and necker colour.



During one activity filled week the girls had the opportunity to try over a 100 different activities in 30 activity zones. There were quad bikes, sitting down bicycles and go karts combined with old

style computer games in the Technology zone, Archery, Air rifles and Clay pigeon shooting (a new activity for all of us) in On Target, Setting up your own Sweet making business in the Enterprise zone, limbing, Abseiling, Caving and Inflatables in Up and Under, Land and Water zorbing, canoeing in a giant swimming pool in wet and wild, Crafts and team challenges based around TV game shows, Presenting the news and weather in front of green screens in the broadcasting tent, learning Survival skills and that was just during the day. In the evenings there were different activities; one night we had a village fete to raise money for charities the Jamboree was supporting, there was



"Tastes of the World" when each group created a food stall showcasing a food from their country for everyone to try. We chose "Retro Party food" - lots of things on sticks and our table cleared very quickly! There were also live bands playing every night, the badge swapping, visiting the onsite gift shops and the smoothie bar.

We also had some very special visitors as the 1st Gayton Rainbows joined us for lunch on the Monday as they had come to "Junior Jam", a day of special activities for Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs.

It was an exhausting week, but a very enjoyable one and the Guides have decided that they would like to go Norjam 2018! (the international Jamboree held at the Norwich Showground). Guiding is open to all girls from 5 years (Rainbows), from 7 years (Brownies) and from 10 years (Guides) - go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or see Pages 27 and 28 of your new Dersingham Data for the individual leaders contact details. □



West Norfolk's biggest and best family pantomime

Matt Lapinskas
(East Enders & Dancing On Ice)
as Prince Charming

Melissa Jane Fleming
as Cinderella

Steven Kynman & Ian Marr
(Cbeebie's Robert the Robot) King's Lynn favourite
as The Ugly Sisters

Direct from the West End
Scott Cripps
as Buttons

And featuring KLFM's
Posh Charlies

Sponsored by

J&H
Honey & Pastry Ltd
in association with



Cinderella

9-31 December 2016

Box Office: 01553 764864

Book online: www.kingslyncomexchange.co.uk

King's Lynn Corn Exchange, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 1JW

*Live
Acorn exchange*

WORZELS ROOFING

New, Strip & Re-tile Repair Work
Slate, Tile & Lead work Specialists
Fascias & Gutters (plus cleaning)
Moss Removal Loft Insulation
Timber Treatment Roof Ventilation
Chimney Repoint / Rebuild
Local Service Free Estimates

Call Darron

01760 755024 07990 972381

5% Discount for Senior Citizens

SANDRINGHAM WINDOWS



For just great deals

5% DISCOUNT FOR OAPs

REMEMBER
Things are black
& white with
Sandringham
Windows.
No hidden extras.

7b Hunstanton Rd
Dersingham
PE31 6HH
01485 544488

FENSA
Reg No 13383

www.sandringham-windows.co.uk



Also Fascia
Soffits &
Guttering



More Than Just a Builders Merchant

- Building Materials
- Bathroom Showrooms
- Paint
- Timber & Boards
- Paving & Fencing
- Ironmongery
- Decking
- Workwear
- Hand & Power Tools

School Road, Snettisham, Norfolk, PE31 7XE

Tel 01485 544300

Mon to Fri 7am – 5pm

Sat 8am – 12pm Closed Bank Holidays

Branches across the East of England

RIDGEONS
Timber & Builders Merchants

www.ridgeons.co.uk

0004/14

Dersingham Library News from Alison Thorne



Coming Soon to Dersingham Library

Regular events

Scrabble club - Mondays 1.30-3pm

Peer support group for Carers – 1st Tuesday of the month 1-3pm

Baby bounce and rhyme - Thursdays – 10-10.30 term time only

Knit and natter - Thursdays 10.30-12

Crime Book Club - 2nd Monday of month 6-7pm

Book Club - 3rd Monday of the month 6-7pm

Colour yourself calm - 1st Wednesday of the month 10.30-12

Just a cuppa – 3rd Wednesday of the month 10.30-11.30am

Tablet helpdesk - October 6th 2-4pm

Need help with your tablet? Then why not book a 30 minute session with library staff? We can also direct you to other helpful resources if required. For more information contact the library on 01485 540181. Booking essential.

Walkers and Talkers Group - October 13th from 2pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk, make new friends and share what you've been reading with other walkers. There's no need to book, just come along! Autumn dates are Thursday 13th October, 17th November and 15th December starting 2pm at the library.

Become a bounce and rhyme volunteer - October 14th 10.30-11.30am

Do you know lots of nursery rhymes? Can you spare just one hour a week to share them with pre-school children? Then come along and find out how you can volunteer with Norfolk Libraries. Please contact Alison on 01485 540181 for more information.

Regular events - Baby bounce and rhyme - Thursdays – 10-10.30 term time only

Special events - Minecraft Mayhem – Wednesday 26th October 10.30-12

Come along for lots of Minecraft activities! Make a Minecraft head! Tickets are £3 per child payable in advance. This event is not suitable for under 5s. For further information or to book your place please contact the library on 01485 540181

Which witch is which? – Thursday 27th October 5.30-7pm

Black cats, spiders, and your favourite book witches! Join us for Spooky tales, crafts and activities for children aged 7 and over. Tickets are £3 per child and must be booked in advance by calling 01485 540181

There'll also be more get digital courses, a new village read, and the chance to become a BBC Weather Watcher!

For further information about events and to book please call 01485 540181

Happy reading,

T.J.H. Boiler & Heating Services

Emergency 24/7 with No Call Out Fee

Glow-worm

Energy expert installer

- Fault Diagnostics
- Unvented Hot Water Systems
- Landlord Certificates
- Servicing
- Repairs
- Gas Boiler Installations & upgrade
- Free Estimates
- Power flushing
- Emergency Plumbing
- Oil boiler servicing



Call Tony on 07446 075677 or 01553 636004

Based in Gayton

www.tjhboilerandheating.com

Email – tjhboilerandheating@outlook.com



Gardening with Disabilities (Norfolk) by May Davey

Our friendly gardening group, Gardening with Disabilities (Norfolk), aims to encourage those with less agility than they had before to keep enjoying gardening. We meet on the third Friday of each month, usually in Park House Conservatory from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

We also have outings to Norfolk gardens and arrange our own Flower Show. Membership is £10.00 a year. Everyone is welcome to our meetings, where entrance is £2.00: £1.00 for tea and £1.00 for the raffle.

The 21st October's meeting is a film show of Alan Titchmarsh at Prince Charles's Highgrove gardens which will be held at 2.00pm in Dersingham Village Hall on Manor Road.

On 18th November Simon White from Beales will be demonstrating how to make holly wreathes at Park House.

On 16th December we will be celebrating Christmas at Knight's Hill Hotel. Anyone wanting more information can phone May Davey 01485-544953. □



**Brian Anderson, the
Dersingham Tree
Warden, giving his talk in May.**



**The group at Peter Beales Rose
Nursery in June**



**Prize-winners at our own
flower show in July**

The Companions of Park House

Quiz Night

at Park House Hotel, Sandringham

Thursday 13 October 2016

Doors open 7.00 pm – quiz starts at 7.30 pm

Entry fee £5 per person includes sandwiches & chips

Bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks

Maximum team size of six

email parkhousecompanions@gmail.com

or phone 01485-542278 to reserve your table

Cash prize for the winning team!

GUILD OF MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Swept Away
Chimney cleaning service

Steve
Chimney Sweep

Flat 54 The Granaries
Baker Lane
King's Lynn
01553 769624
07770 503600

sweptaway.sweep@Gmail.com



gb

CLEANING
services

Friendly & Efficient
Domestic & Commercial
Cleaning Services

Call us on 01553 813751
www.gbcleaningservice.co.uk
email: gb.cleaningservice@yahoo

THE CONIFERS

Home & Garden Services · Dersingham

Fencing · Gates Made · Shed Bases · Slabs
Garden Clearance · Mini Digger Work

Honest & Reliable Service

Mowing · Hedge Trimming
Conifers Reduced / Removed
Regular Garden Maintenance
Old Sheds / Garages Removed
Small Building Works

For more information and a free
QUOTE call

Mark Emmerson

Tel: 01485 298943 Mob: 07887 580840

Email: markemmerson37@tiscali.co.uk

Registered Waste Carrier



Station Road Garage (Heacham) Ltd

33 Station Road, Heacham, Norfolk PE31 7EX

☎ 01485 570259

www.stationroadgarageheacham.co.uk

Mechanical Repairs - Servicing - Welding - Exhausts - Tyres -
Clutches - Diagnostics - Car Sales - Air Con Repair & Service -
Collection & Delivery - Accessory Shop
State of the Art MOT Bay - MOT Repairs



One to One & Couples Counselling

I can help with a range of issues including bereavement, anxiety, stress, depression, trauma, abuse, low self-esteem and relationship issues.

Qualified & experienced BACP registered counsellor based in Grimston.

Deborah Sanders BSC Hons. HE Dip MBACP
T: 07725 831016 E: dsanders.counselling@gmail.com



- House Conveyancing
- Commercial Property
- Wills & Probate
- Family

Unit 2
St Nicholas Court
Dersingham
Norfolk
PE31 6GZ

Tel – 01485 501586
enquiries@hawkinsryan.com

A Traditional Provincial Firm
caring for all your
legal requirements
visit us at

www.hawkinsryan.com

Why not pop in
for a chat and see
whether we can
help you?



**Self-catering holiday
homes for everyone!**

**DOG FRIENDLY!
AVAILABLE ALL YEAR!
BOOK NOW!
Visit England 3-5 stars**

www.norfolkholidayhomes.agency
info@norfolkholidayhomes.agency

01485 534267 • 68 Westgate, Hunstanton
MORE PROPERTIES NEEDED



**GJB
COMPUTING**

- New and Used computers.
- Tuition, advice.
- Repairs and upgrades.
- Broadband, Wireless, Internet, E. Mail.
- Laptop power supplies, screen replacement

No job too big or too small, give Chris a call

Office :01553 606555
Mobile: 07447748356

Humble Treasures

by Bill Pemberton

In 1946 my father on his demobilisation from the Army applied and secured a job with the Imperial War Graves Commission (now the Commonwealth War Graves Commission). It was the luck of the draw that he was sent to Greece. I say the luck of the draw because whilst serving in the Middle East my Dad met and married a Greek girl in 1941. They didn't have much time together before my Dad was sent to India and then to Burma with his Regiment the South Staffordshires that were incorporated in the Chindits where they fought the Japanese in Burma.

Dad sailed off to Greece first and my mother and I followed on some little time later. I vaguely remember getting into trouble on the journey because whilst playing with some other children in the gangway I kicked and burst their balloon, I took fright and went and hid under the bed in our cabin (I was only four years old). When my mother looked for me and couldn't find me she panicked and, with my baby brother in her arms, she informed a member of the crew and the ship went into the man overboard drill. When I was found hiding under the bed I got a smacking from the Captain.

When we arrived in Greece we went to live behind the War cemetery in a large bungalow that pre war had belonged to a very wealthy German family by the name of Grohman.



This family had a very large estate that stretched from the coast to the southern outskirts of Athens. When the family left Greece in 1943 their properties were looted and all that was left in the bungalow was a carved wooden barometer and a sword. I don't know what eventually happened to the sword but I know I chopped down an apricot tree with it. The barometer hung on a wall in the bungalow until my Dad was transferred to the UK in 1965.

The Barometer followed Mum and Dad back to Greece (Salonica) then to Rome, Turkey, Tunisia and back to the UK when Dad retired in 1976. All this time my mother helped my dad interpreting for him, she was proficient in French, Arabic, Italian, English as well as Greek. Pre war Alexandria where she grew up was a very cosmopolitan City. The barometer stayed with them when they went to live in Suffolk then to Dersingham. They lived in their Dersingham bungalow until 1978. They then went back to Greece when they bought an apartment in the Southern outskirts of Athens by the coast in 1978.

In 1987 they returned to live in Dersingham and, I think it was then my mother was going to throw it out, I rescued the Barometer. I hung it on a wall in the staircase of our house in Hunstanton where it fell off the wall and ceased to function. It was put in a plastic bag in the the attic when we moved to Dersingham, it was stored in the loft. It was during these moves that the little chamois became detached and lost.

I found the barometer again when we moved into our present bungalow and wondered what became of the family that originally owned it. In an idle moment I put their name into the Google Search engine and found someone of that name in Cyprus, a professor at the Nicosia University. As we were going to Cyprus on holiday I wrote to him and we met up, in Cyprus. I told him about the barometer and asked



him if he would like it, he replied that he would. The barometer is now with him complete with the little chamois standing opposite the hunter. If only that ornament could talk. One of the labourers in the War Cemetery crew told us that the local Communist big wig threatened to kill him for the bicycle he had managed to loot when the Germans left. It gave me great pleasure to re unite the barometer with the Professor who is now a Facebook friend.



The war graves 1946, Greece.



The war graves today.

The War Cemetery in 1946, the main family house on the hill looked out to the Saronic Gulf to the South and to Athens to the North with views right up to the Parthenon. The Commission demolished it in the 70's or 80's along with the bungalow that we lived in. □

G Kathryn
Gigg

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS | BUSINESS ADVISERS | TAX CONSULTANTS

Offering a comprehensive range of services for both business and personal clients

- annual accounts and business taxation
- business start up, advice and management support
- management accounts, budgeting and forecasts
- SAGE installation and training
- payroll, VAT and bookkeeping services

- personal tax returns
- self assessment advice
- small business specialists
- free initial consultation
- fees agreed in advance

For an appointment please contact: Mrs K H Gigg FCA 01485 534 800

THE OFFICE, 20 KING'S LYNN ROAD, HUNSTANTON, NORFOLK PE36 5HP

T: 01485 534800/535100 F: 01485 534900 e: kate@kathryngigg.co.uk

www.kathryngigg.co.uk

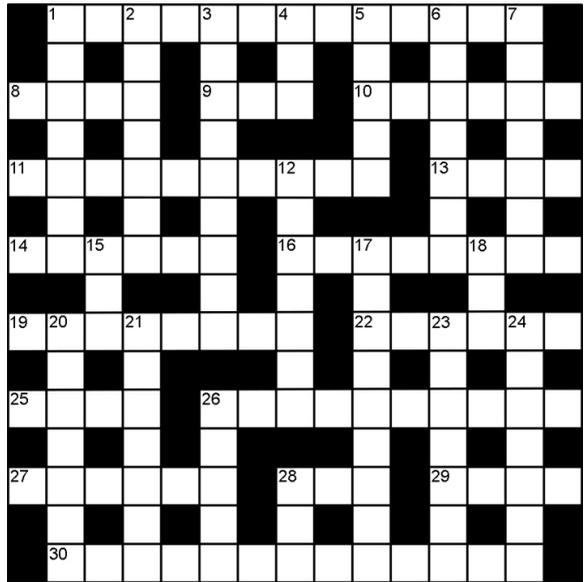
Regulated for a range of investment business activities by
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

PUZZLES

Crossword by Philip Neal

Across

1. Simmer in tripe for the cabinet-maker (5-8)
8. They look at the point affirmatively (4)
9. Oak maybe, without right to drive off (3)
10. Caught at last, after the little devil caused a collision (6)
11. Little Georgie describing drawings of the earth's features (10)
13. The soup has been spilt over the composition (4)
14. Delighted to miss church attendance without going through the motions (6)
16. Legs of sheep for protection (8)
19. Del darts out for the high jump (8)
22. Start from Los Angeles then go on to find the water (6)
25. Indian living in panoramic reef (4)
26. Infidel set to become an old footballer (6-4)
27. Pokes around to bring up the cutlery (6)
28. Its about time she lost her head (3)
29. The fish left the Russian port for the bridge support (4)
30. The scientific seafarer has gone with roach and pear (13)



Down

1. An empty refilled as a result of the charge (7)
2. This gin when stirred is worth a penetrating look (7)
3. Overwhelmed when mishandling the rent then break dance (9)
4. Cold warning not withdrawn (3)
5. I have a pound with the agency about the bone (5)
6. The aircraftsman up on the patio mixed the pudding (7)
7. Sounds like sounds like Murray's (7)
12. She's ran around the working equipment (7)
15. One pence off both for a tune (3)
17. Lame dam or hybrid in play (9)
18. Seaport at the end of province... (3)
20. ...and then made capital in tractor on tow (7)
21. Wrong name for one flower (7)
23. Big man somehow hit goal (7)
24. Person in charge inside when the bid is put out (7)
26. Fibs encircle the poet (5)
28. Breakfast left by poor person without drinking place (3)

Solution on page 78

Craigwell Dairy by Raymond Riches

For the last few years, my cousin has kindly sent me copies of Village Voice, and I spend a pleasant hour or so catching up on the village news. My first port of call is Dick Melton's page. He has a wealth of knowledge of people and places from the past. It is nostalgic to read about such matters, and stirring up memories of growing up in Dersingham in the 40s and 50s. I doubt whether I would recognise the place now, although I surprise myself about the many events of those years I do remember.

I left home in 1958 to go to university. After graduating, I moved to South Manchester, where I developed a career in the National Blood Transfusion Service. I've lived here ever since. My twin brother Terry lives near Norwich. Our father was James [Jim] Riches, the dairyman, and I've read with interest the articles that people have submitted to VV about his business, following the discovery of the milk bottle with Riches and Gilbert written on it.

Before the war, my father was a forester on the Sandringham estate. He told me his one claim to fame was felling a tree with King George VI. My father assured me he had held the business end of the saw!

He was called up into the RAF, and, after demobilisation, worked in the boiler house of Sandringham House, and had duties at Anmer pumping station. I remember visiting him at both sites, in Anmer, watching in awe when he climbed through the drive belts of the pumps having warned me not to follow. No Health and Safety in those days!

In about 1948-49, he went into business with Harry Gilbert, a Mancunian. Terry and I used to help as much as we could. I recall going with Mr Gilbert on his round. He used his car, which had a drop down boot lid. He would place two 20-bottle crates on this lid. This went well until one day a Health Inspector stopped the practice. After that, a van was bought for his round. They had a number of vans over the years, initially second-hand vehicles. I well remember a canvas-sided ex-RAF ambulance.

A variety of incidents occurred when I delivered milk. One I recall vividly was when I took two pints of milk to a customer on Glebe Road. We used to go into the scullery and leave the milk on the draining board. This particular day, I opened the door as usual and the elderly resident was having a shave at the sink. He was using a cut throat razor, with one eye closed whilst skilfully using the blade. As I placed the milk on the draining board I got the shock of my life. Sitting there, in a glass of water, was an eye looking straight at me! This explained the closed eye!

Small bottles of pre-diluted orange juice were also delivered to customers. Often young children, clutching a few coppers, would come to the van to buy a bottle. We would often tell them that the orange juice would rot their socks. Of course they didn't believe this and we would tell

them to take their boots, or shoes, off. Invariably there would be holes in their socks. We said 'There, I told you so'. It didn't seem to put them off buying the juice, although they probably grew up having an aversion to orange juice.

Milk delivery was not without its hazards. Once, I was leaning over the front gate of the District Nurse's house to place the milk in its designated spot, when her dog jumped up and bit my stomach. Fortunately, I've always been a bit of



The old dairy, latterly used for furniture restoration, before demolition

a racing snake, so there was not much for the dog to get hold of, and there was little or no damage.

We didn't just help out on the milk rounds. We also helped in the dairy. Craigwell Dairy was located in some of the buildings opposite the Coach and Horses pub. It was here the bottles were washed and refilled with milk, for delivery the next day. Water for washing was heated by steam, from a boiler located in a small outbuilding attached to the main dairy. Every morning, my mother, Edna, would cycle from White Horse Drive round to the dairy and light the boiler fire. This ensured the water was hot when the rounds finished. As we got older, Terry and I would carry out this task, when we weren't at school.

The dirty bottles went through three tanks. The first had the hot water with a foamless detergent, the next had a sterilising agent in the water and the last was plain water for rinsing the bottles. When they were taken from this tank, they were inverted and placed in a 20 bottle crate to drain.

The bottles were washed two at a time on three revolving brushes fixed horizontally on what was, basically, an encased electric motor. The larger, middle brush washed the outsides of the bottles whilst the two outer brushes cleaned the insides. The bottles were hand held and allowed to revolve. Great care had to be taken to prevent the bottles, hitting each other, as one, or the other, could break. This did happen occasionally. In the worst scenario the operator's hands would be cut, sometimes quite seriously.

The crate with the drained bottles would be placed on to the platform of the bottling machine, bottles turned the right way up and placed under the outlet nozzles which were spring loaded. These nozzles led directly from a storage tank containing the milk. A lever was then pulled, which had the effect of raising the platform, compressing the springs and opening the valves, thus dispensing milk from the tank into the bottles. When full, the crate would be lifted across onto a concrete pier for the caps to be fitted. Originally these were the cardboard type, then foil caps. The filled crates were then stacked in a walk-in fridge for the next day's delivery.

Early on in the business, Mr Gilbert retired and my father, Jim, ran things. Initially, milk was sourced locally, but toward the end my father would drive to Thornham to get it. As the business expanded to Ingoldisthorpe, Snettisham and elsewhere, the dairy side became too much, and he obtained pre-bottled milk from Seaman's at Gaywood. This was stored in the fridge for the next day's rounds.

It was a 365 day operation, which for many years included Christmas Day. To have Christmas Day off, a double delivery was made on Christmas Eve. I can't remember my father having a holiday whilst he had the business. He had to work in all weathers. I recall trudging through snow drifts to deliver milk to Red Barn. It was so cold that the snow remained frozen in my wellington boots until I arrived home. In the early hours of some summer mornings, I would be fascinated by watching wasps harvesting paper from old bill posters outside Andrews' shop. Presumably, they then flew off to build their nests.

Eventually, my father retired and after a few years my parents moved to West Hall Road, just a few yards from his birthplace in Centre Vale.

In the June-July edition of VV, there was an article by Carol Samms, a cousin of mine, about the Riches family in general. She mentions 12 children growing up in Centre Vale. I can name 10 of them. [Jim, George, Phyllis, Eva, Ivy, Aggie, Mim, Liz, Frances and Violet]. I don't recall the other two. It would be interesting if anyone with local knowledge can remember their names. □



The Willy Fluffy-Mouse Trilogy

PART I – “Lost in the Woods” (or, “Willy Fluffy-Mouse and the Marsh Monster)

© Brian Eldridge



Once upon a time, little Willy Fluffy-Mouse was inquisitively sniffing his way through the woodland paths, quietly minding his own business and munching up all the good things to eat that he could find. He was almost in a daydream with the sunlight shining through the leaves of the trees above. He had not a care in the world. He was totally engrossed in seeing that his belly was full.

A beetle here, crunch crunch, a juicy slug there, slurp slurp, and look at that lovely big worm under that leaf over yonder – “I can’t wait to get my teeth into that!” he thought.

Chomp! Chomp! Chomp! He went, and then stood frozen in fear!

For this was no succulent morsel – it was the tail-end of a venomous viper; the head-end with tears in its eyes from the pain in its tail, was erect, hissing and showing its fangs, about to strike and secure its own meal!

Willy had never been so frightened in all his young years. He did the first thing that instinct told him – RUN! He ran and he ran and he ran! He heard the snake slithering through the leaves on the forest floor, chasing him. He heard the hissing and the snapping of jaws, seeming to come ever closer. He ran and he ran and he ran – and even though his heart was bursting through his chest, he ran and ran and ran. And then he ran some more. Eventually Willy had to stop, and apart from his puffing and panting there was ... only silence ...

When Willy had settled down and regained his composure he became eerily aware that all was silence and still! Not a sound, no bird-song, leaves motionless, nothing but quiet and stillness. Willy had strayed into the marsh monsters’ domain. How would he ever get safe-home again and escape the marsh monsters’ clutches? With that thought in his mind he fell into a deep sleep.

The dank mist clung to the trees when Willy awoke and peered gingerly from his hide-hole in a hollow log. There was silence still in this part of the wood; nothing stirred. Willy still felt the fear within him and was extremely cautious as he slowly made his way out into the open. Which way had he come? He could see no footprints. He could see no paths. There was nothing to show how he had come to that dreadful place, and more importantly which was the way home?

Willy somehow knew that if he kept the sun behind him then he would travel in the correct direction towards his home and so he warily set off, keeping his eyes peeled for any signs of trouble. The ground was quite soft and spongy in this place but Willy had no problems in squelching his way across the bog. He eventually became used to the squelch-squelch sound, so much so that he became intent on it and his fear disappeared – like all young fluffy-mice he lapsed into daydream again. Now, he wasn’t looking where he was going, he was just feeling the warm sun on his back and listening to his splodging feet.

Suddenly – Splash! He’d fallen into a deep pool and he was sinking, sinking – in fact, drowning! For he couldn’t yet swim! He held his breath for as long as he could and just as he blew out the last few bubbles from his lungs, a hand came down through the water and clasped him safely and surely, and brought him to the surface and fresh air. Willy gasped and choked, and filled his lungs again when to his horror he saw it was the hand of a marsh monster and it was carrying Willy up to its drooling mouth, spitting green slime into the water.

Willy heard cries and screams from the distance. It was his fluffy-mouse mum calling out for Willy. But was it too late? The marsh monster’s mouth was open wide. Was it too late? Willy was terrified and lapsed into unconsciousness as he felt the marsh monster’s tongue and hot smelly breath on him – was *this* the end? Willy Fluffy-Mouse could feel himself tumble-bumping around. Over, under, up and round, downside-up and upside-down – it was just like being inside a washing machine – he was absolutely soaking wet and stank of rotting vegetables; he felt sick.

He heard his fluffy-mouse mum scream out again. But this was not the cry of a mother searching for her lost child, this was a blood-curdling scream of terror! Willy felt the marsh monster turn towards the sound and take one step in that direction. The marsh monster was now after fluffy-mouse mum as well. Willy was panic-stricken. He had no thought for his own safety now – he had to save his mum.

The marsh monster's pace quickened, its heart was thumping hard; it was like being inside a giant kettle-drum (inside that washing machine). The marsh monster's mouth opened to get more air inside. Willy was horrified! For it was not *this* monster that was after his fluffy-mouse mum, another marsh-monster had already caught her and was running over the boggy swamp with her squeezed tightly in its hand – her face was as red as a beetroot for she couldn't breathe.

Willy's monster had almost caught up with the other. It wanted fluffy-mouse mum as well as Willy, for it was well known amongst marsh monsters that fluffy-mouse mums have an exquisite flavour. Willy's monster grabbed the other by the throat and Willy saw that this caused much pain to his mum as the grip on her tightened. Willy knew she was about to breathe her last.

With all his very being he yelled as hard as he could "Maaaa...aauum!" This took his monster by surprise of course and it didn't see the other's huge fist coming full-strength towards its stomach. Thwack it went in its belly, and as its eye crossed in pain, such a giant rush of wind came full-force up from its rumbling-tum. Willy was blown out like a bullet from a gun and hit the other straight in its fish-like eye; marsh-monsters only have one eye, like a cyclops. And not having anything to hold on to, Willy slid down its slimy cheek and slipped over the edge of its jaw to begin to fall to ground.

As he fell down he saw the hand loosen its grip on fluffy-mouse mum as it moved to ease the pain in its bloodshot eye. Willy grabbed her arm and wrenched her free. They fell towards the ground together and saw one marsh-monster doubled up in agony, the other seeming to stamp blindly around holding its eye and wailing in pain. Willy Fluffy-Mouse and his fluffy-mouse mum looked at one another and smiled. They were free, they were not injured, but they were not safe yet. Plip! Plop! They fell into the swamp and Willy again felt himself falling gently to the bottom. Falling, falling down to the murky depths. Falling, falling, unable to breathe. Was this finally the end?

Willy could vaguely hear fluffy-mouse mum calling his name "Will ...ly, Will ... ly". Where she was he didn't know, it was so dark down there. "Will... ly Will ... ly" it was getting louder, closer, and the water was becoming lighter and clearer somehow. "Willy! Willy!" fluffy-mouse mum was there reaching out to him, her face becoming clearer and clearer as the misty waters disappeared. "Willy! Willy!" she shouted as she grabbed him, "Willy Fluffy-Mouse! Will you wake up!"

Suddenly the cold realisation hit Willy. He sat up in his bed, in his fluffy-mouse home with his fluffy-mouse mum and dad happy and smiling, but with eyes full of tears. When Willy had

regained all his senses his mother explained that after he had been chased by the snake they found him unconscious as if in a coma, senseless, freezing cold in a hollow log. They had brought him home and looked after him for the last three days. He had been delirious and nearly died the fluffy-mouse doctor said.

But now all was well. Willy would soon be fully recovered and he vowed never to crunch on another worm again – just in case it *was* a viper's tail!





Dersingham Methodist Church News from Elizabeth Batstone

Our regular activities are open to all, do come along and join any of these.

Coffee mornings are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Stalls include hand-made cards, bric-a-brac, books, jigsaws, cakes and jams, Fairtrade products. The coffee, tea and several choices of cakes, sausage rolls and scones are always popular. The church regularly supports local and national charities with the money raised by the coffee mornings. 24th September funds for 'King's Lynn Food Bank', 29th October for 'Look Good Feel Better'.

Other activities are:

Lunch at the Chapel first Monday of the month 12.15 p.m., **Needles and Pins Club** meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays 2.00 – 4.00 p.m., **Carpet Bowls** every Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00 p.m., **Jigsaw Club** 3rd Thursday 9.30 – 10.30 a.m., all held in the church hall.

Bible Study Fellowship Thursday fortnightly 7.00 p.m. at 19 Mountbatten Road.

If you have never played Chicken foot (a domino game) then do come along and enjoy an evening of fun. These are held bi-monthly in the Church hall, the next is on Friday 7th October 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. tickets £3 and this includes refreshments. Any profit is divided equally between a charity and church funds.

October sees the start of our autumn discussion sessions. Dates 6th October, 20th October, 3rd November and 17th November and start at 11.00 a.m. with coffee and then discussion on topical subjects. The discussions are always lively and thought provoking.

Sunday services 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monthly mid-week communion service 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

For further information on any of the above contact Philip and Elizabeth Batstone 01485 541068, pebatstone@gmail.com.

Just a thought... from Steve Oliver

Whilst playing a beautiful CD and contemplating what I was going to write for this page, these words came ringing from the speakers '*now that I have found you I'll call off the search*'. And it seemed to me that that is what we all do when we have found Christ in our lives.



At the time of searching we do not really know what we are looking for. We know there has to be more to life than just existence. There are holidays of course, a new car, a new house perhaps, but they do not fill the ache, the gap which makes us keep searching for that something. Then from perhaps a walk in the countryside, a word from a friend, or perhaps a moment of huge upheaval in our lives, Christ arrives into our existence. It is a revelation which can either hit us like a bolt of lightning, or a gradual experience, but however we receive it, it begins to take away that ache, that emptiness which could not be eased or filled before. Materially we are no richer; we may not even feel any improvement in our bodily health, but within us there is a new life which is of the spirit.

The season of Advent will soon be upon us, but it is a season which can be missed because of the rush towards Christmas. So my prayer is that everyone slows down a little, (do you remember the hamlet cigars advert with that wonderful soothing Air on a G string by J.S.Bach) and take time out to dwell on the mystery of the coming of the Son of God to earth. And if you have not yet found what you are searching in your life this year, I pray this Advent season you will find an experience of the love of Jesus that will enable you to call off the search and find life in all its amazing fullness.

During this November month we will commemorate Remembrance Sunday, and as we remember those who have lost their lives in all conflicts, let us reflect on this advent hope "*swords will be beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks and nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war no more.*" Amen □



QUALITY CAR SALES



- **Over 30 years experience still a GREAT SERVICE**
- AP extended national warranties
- Close Motor Finance at Competitive rates

Telephone: **01485 540050**

68 HUNSTANTON ROAD, DERSINGHAM, PE31 6NB



all major cards accepted

www.torcmotors.co.uk
view nine colour photos of every car



Scrappy Cat Crafts

Art & Craft Supplies

Visit our New Shop

5 Old Church Rd. Snettisham
PE31 7LX

Much Larger, More Stock

**Classes in Card Making & Painting
Personal Cards Made to Order**

Open 10 - 4 Tuesday - Friday
10- 2 Saturday

Closed for Lunch 12 -1.30

01485 298017

www.scrappycatcrafts.co.uk



THE BEST DEALS FOR ALL YOUR FLOORING NEEDS

- **FREE** Estimates and planning
- **Full service** from measuring to fitting
- **Competitive pricing** to suit all tastes & budgets
- **Overwhelming choice** of carpet, Vinyl, Karndean, safety flooring, LVT's, Real Wood & Laminate samples brought directly to you
- **10 years** experience, expert advice & knowledge
- **Additional Services** available, including moving furniture, uplift & disposal of previous flooring and door trimming
- **Domestic or Commercial** work carried out

Tel: 01485 601360

Mob: 07872 558163

Email: ian@iperrinflooring.co.uk

Web: www.iperrinflooring.co.uk

IPerrin Flooring Ltd, Registered Office 15 Stebbings Close, Grimston, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE32 1DJ

Registered No: 8956560. Vat No: 171416230

GUARANTEED TO BEAT ANY GENUINE LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE



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

Summer seems to have finally arrived and sped by in a flash. I've been looking at the weeds flourishing in my pretty garden, and done little about them until they are taking over like Triffids. Time is whizzing by for me now, in my seventies, mainly because I fall asleep after lunch until evening and after that it's time for bed – so my 'living life' tends to be from early morning until one. And I have to pack all my interests into that small 'window' (who coined that silliness?) plus trying to muck out the house and prepare food as well.

I have many interests – writing, reading, painting, doing up the house, and top of the list is esoterics, mainly because from the age of eighteen I have had many extraordinary experiences that meant I was either mad, or that things really 'were able to bump in the night'. In order to prove to myself that I am actually sane, I've done a lot of research and know now that I am quite as normal – if in a different kind of way – to anyone.

One of my interests is the questionable theory of Past Lives. Have we lived before, and do we live again after our current life? And if so, what happens in between? I considered the question, and thought it all sounded far too complicated and gave the matter no more thought. That is, until I was having some Reiki relaxation treatment, and found myself experiencing a spontaneous past life moment. I was a sea captain, striding out of a building in China, after concluding some business. It was like an actual experience, and I was astonished, because I hadn't been asleep. However, I was in a very relaxed 'state' – which is exactly how you feel when you go for a past life regression. There is nothing spooky about it whatsoever.

My interest had flared up again, after reading a recent book on the subject, written by a regression therapist, listing some of the past life memories experienced by some of his clients. No sooner had I put the book down, I searched online for past life regressionists and the nearest one I found was in Ipswich. Remote Control Man kindly volunteered to chauffeur me there. Since my first spontaneous regression, I have actually experienced quite a few different lives, so am not new to it, but this latest bout seemed to me to be very 'must have'.

So, did I find myself Cleopatra, or Marilyn Monroe? No, but I did find myself looking at lots of high golden grasses that stretched into a prairie horizon with lots of sky. When told to look around, I saw a buckboard that was tilted over. I was an Indian girl of twelve years, and when asked my name, replied, 'Little Shell' (which I thought didn't sound right at all). My brown and white pony was standing nearby, so, wanting to get away from an area of death, I jumped on his back and headed for home. I actually felt the wind in my face and it made my long hair stream behind me, and it was a lovely feeling. The tepees were in a sheltered area with trees, and when I returned, a lot of happy dogs were jumping all around me, still on the horse, and excited small children surrounded me. There didn't seem to be any adults to inform about the waggon. I knew my people hadn't had anything to do with it.

After the regression (I had two other lives as well which I might report on at a later date) I decided to research. I wasn't really sure whether my imagination had 'dreamed up' these memories, but with the magic of Google and typing in the right sort of words for research, I was astonished to discover that there was, and still is, a *tribe* called Little Shell!!! The Indian girl had given the name of her *people*, rather than her personal name. I actually found a Little Shell Facebook page, who answered my questions, telling me that the tribe was so called after their Chief, Little Shell, and that there had been three chiefs of that name between the period of 1808 to 1900.

The Little Shell tribe were part of the Chippewa Indians, who existed on the Northern Great Plains in the nineteenth century, and were pushed, over time, westwards out of Minnesota to Montana. The Chippewas were mixed race Indians, who had mingled with the French, but some married back into full blood Indians, while others did so with more white folk. The various Indian

tribes also intermingled so, for instance, my Little Indian maid could have been half Crow. (If you read my previous piece in the last issue of Village Voice, you will have noted a photo of Medicine Crow, who had materialised at the foot of my bed thirty-five years ago and told me to write a book. I recognised him recently from an old photograph on the Web, so the Crow tribe has previous meaning for me.)

I also found some images of the plains, almost identical to the scene in my regression, which is where buffalo would have roamed. I also found information that when the buffalo were around, the families would all go off to find them. Presumably the men hunted and the women helped skin and cut up the meat. I imagine, because there were no adults in my 'picture', that they were off hunting buffalo and had left the more grown up children in charge of the littlelies and dogs.



Some years ago, I did a twelve-month course on hypnotherapy with the ultimate aim to do past life regressions with clients myself and am pleased to report that I have been able to help quite a few people with problems like phobias and the like. I've now finished my diploma course on past life regression, and I'm ready to take on those who wish to have an 'experience'. This is not an advertisement, but if you are interested, you will be able to find me easily if you really want to!

So, there has been cause for excitement and a lot of thought for me recently. I might at times be viewed as a bit eccentric by some, and I am quite sure a lot of people think I make stuff up – but these things really do happen to me. *However*, I have to prove to myself that there is some validity to each experience, and of course, these days, one *can* verify facts with the aid of Google, which makes life a lot easier and proves to me that I am not needing a trip to the loony bin – at least, not yet!

Enough of all that. I've just been over to Edgefield to a pub there called The Pigs. Had a lovely meal, but what I enjoyed most was going to the loo. Well, not that exactly, but what they had put on the various doors. Sow, Boars, and Piglets. Love that kind of humour. Remote Control man had had a few jars, so I drove his big car home – after my little rattly vehicle, it was like driving a smooth airplane home with just a gentle engine drone. No bumps, no nothing. It was so smooth that I almost thought someone else was in control and had to concentrate, not idly watch the view out of the window. Tomorrow I go with a pal to lunch with a friend over at East Rudham. We used to talk and giggle over our food about men, but alas, its giggling over our various ailments. Mind, I can tell them about the roofers on the extension two doors down to me. I've been peeping through the bathroom blinds admiring their rippling muscles, telling myself it's because I am arty-farty and merely appreciating line and form. Yeah, well... Until next time, Mrs. Dolittle. □

Tree Vista

Dan Yeomans Consulting & Practising Arborist

07799 533462 / 01485 518432

dan@tree-vista.co.uk

We do; Tree Work, Surveys, Advice, Stump Grinding, & Firewood

Forthcoming Village Voice Deadlines and Publication Dates

For articles, reports of events, meetings, advertisements and details of forthcoming attractions:

Issue	Copy deadline mid-day on	Publication date
No 103 Dec /Jan 2017	Wednesday 2nd November 2016	Monday 21st Nov 2016
No 104 Feb/Mar 2017	Wednesday 18th January 2017	Monday 6th February 2016
No 105 Apr/May 2017	Wednesday 1st March 2017	Monday 20th March

Advertising in Village Voice

Around 2,500 residential and business properties in Dersingham receive a copy of Village Voice with another 600 available to subscribers, businesses and shop counters around and about. It is also available online from our website at dersingham.org.uk Do please support the services advertisers provide and mention where you saw their advert. Our advert prices are £17.50 for an eighth page, £27.50 for a quarter, £50 for a half and £95 for a full page. Discounts available for block bookings paid up-front. VAT is no longer payable. Full details and booking forms can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the Parish Office or email: villagevoice@dersingham.org.uk and returned together with payment by mid-day of the copy deadlines given above at the latest.

Articles and Non-Profit Making Promotions for Village Voice

These should be preferably emailed directly to the Editor: editor@dersingham.org.uk or posted to **The Editor, % Dersingham Parish Council Office** (address below), ideally well ahead of the above copy deadlines to stand a better chance of inclusion. Available space for articles is governed by the both the physical limitations of the publication as well as the revenue received from advertising. We like Village Voice to be special for our primarily Dersingham readers, so articles should try to be customised accordingly and not just part of a round-robin Press Release to all local publications. Dates of forthcoming events mentioned must take place after the publication dates listed at the top of this page. Items/flyers purely to advertise non-profit making events should aim to fit (and be readable) within a quarter page slot. We hope you will provide photos/graphics/logos etc to accompany promotions or articles. Digital pictures need to be 300 dots/pixels per inch (about 118 per cm.). Most Office document and picture file formats *The Editor reserves the right to amend and edit as necessary. Any contributions will be accepted on the understanding that, unless requested otherwise, names, addresses, etc, may be included and maintained on the Parish Council's database. Published material will also appear on the Parish Council website. Copyright of all articles remains with the author. The editor does not necessarily agree with opinions expressed, or accuracy of statements made, by contributors.* □

Crossword Answers

Sudoku No 50 solution								
8	2	4	3	5	1	9	6	7
6	7	9	4	8	2	1	3	5
3	1	5	6	7	9	2	8	4
4	6	3	8	9	7	5	2	1
7	5	8	2	1	6	4	9	3
2	9	1	5	4	3	6	7	8
5	8	7	9	2	4	3	1	6
1	3	2	7	6	5	8	4	9
9	4	6	1	3	8	7	5	2

Across 1.PRIME MINISTER 8.EYES 9.TEE 10.IMPACT 11. GEOGRAPHIC 13.OPUS 14.STATIC 16.RAMPARTS 19. STRADDLE 22.LAGOON 25.CREE 26.INSIDE-LEFT 27.SNOOPS 28.ERA 29.ARCH 30.OCEANOGRAPHER.
Down 1.PAYMENT 2.INSIGHT 3.ENTRANCED 4.ICE 5.ILIAC 6. TAPIOCA 7.RACQUET 12.HARNESS 15.AIR 17.MELODRAMA 18.RIO 20.TORONTO 21.ANEMONE 23.GOLIATH 24.OFFICER 26.IBSEN 28.EGG.

Word Wall

Armour - mail, gauntlet, roundel, beaver
 Wildfowl - goose, pintail, shelduck, pochard
 Norfolk Rivers - Bure, Yare, Ant, Thurne
 Game - grouse, football, mah jong, partridge

Allen Tomas &^{co}

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

We are a firm of Independent Financial Advisers based at St Nicholas Court in Dersingham with ample car parking for clients

We specialise in:

Savings & Investments

Trustee & Attorney Investments

Estate Planning

Long Term Care

Retirement Planning

Corporate Pensions
(Incorporating Auto Enrolment)

Employee Benefit Solutions

Financial Protection
(Individual & Business)

Review your savings
Friendly personal service
Face to face independent financial advice

T 01485 541998

E info@allentomasfinancial.co.uk

W www.allentomasfinancial.co.uk

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday October 4th

Respecting Norfolk Architecture



An illustrated talk by
Richard Waite RIBA

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

VILLAGE VOICE LIVE

Tuesday November 1st

Fishermen and Kings The Photography of Olive Edis



with
**Alistair
Murphy**



Olive Edis, who was born in 1876, had forged a career in glass plate photography from her studio in Sheringham, north Norfolk, and made a name for herself taking portraits of a wide variety of subjects, from Norfolk fishermen to the royal family. Alistair Murphy from Cromer Museum returns to talk about and show her work.

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