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Editor's Notes

Tony Bubb

There is a certain inevitability about the return of the festive season. The leaves start turning the clocks go back and before you know it it's Christmas. Now you could apply for the post of hermit at a folly and ignore it completely but you will miss all the attractions of the season, some of which are listed in these pages. Hermits would probably miss out on this year's competition to find a number of small red parcels hidden in these pages. Just count them up and send your total to the Parish Office, by whatever means you prefer, before January 3rd to be in the draw for the prize of a £20 Priors token.



This issue welcomes new input from Sandringham Parish Council and their villagers. This increases our readership by about 200 and must make VV an even more useful advertising platform. I suspect that some of the copies that are to be found around the village already go to the folk of Sandringham, Wolferton and West Newton but now copies will be delivered to their doors.

The cover picture this time is by Marty Griffin. I asked him for something seasonal and he came up with this evocative image of "Dersingham Pier" being overflowed by our winter visitors, the Pink footed geese. If you would like the original do contact Marty.

As a departure from our usual format, January's Village Voice Live will take the form of a quiz. Teams of up to 6 can enter or if you like just come along and join with others on a table. All the proceeds will be going to the Village Centre fund. So do come along and get the brain working after the winter break.

Lots of puzzles this time, our puzzle devisers have been really busy and have made up a bumper load of brain exercisers. If you don't want to deface your copy of village voice the pages can be copied from our online version on the parish council website.

Village Voice is distributed around the village by a group of 18 hardy volunteers to whom we are very grateful and I would like to wish them, as well as all our readers, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you encounter yours do feel free to give them a mince pie and a drink. As the average round is around 100 letterboxes, seeing them staggering on the later stages of their walk could be quite entertaining but joking aside do give them a cheery wave.

And finally, I read today of a chap who started a new job at the zoo and is given three tasks. The first is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does so, a huge fish jumps out and bites him. To show who is boss, he beats it to death with a spade. Realizing his employer won't be best pleased he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything. Moving on to the second job of clearing out the Chimp house, he is attacked by the chimps who pelt him with coconuts. He swipes at two chimps with a spade killing them both. What can he do? Feed them to the lions, he says to himself, because lions eat anything... He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure. He moves on to the last job which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. As soon as he starts, he is attacked by the bees. He grabs the spade and smashes the bees to a pulp. By now he knows what to do and shovels them into the lions cage because lions eat anything.

Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo.. He wanders up to another lion and says "What's the food like here?" The lion says: "Absolutely brilliant, why today we had Fish and Chimps with Mushy Bees. □

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village life, comments concerning items read or ideas for the future. Ed.



Just to let you know that I took that photograph with my new Brownie camera around 1960/61. The boys in the photo are Roy Cross on the left and John Greyson (leaning against the pump). John's parents owned the garage. Roy lived a little further up the road almost opposite me. I can remember this photo being in Village Voice before and when I spoke to my brother earlier today (Dick Melton) he tells me it was in issue number 23.

Janice Gathergood



The picture of Heath Garage in the October edition is myself and Roy Cross. My parents took over the garage early 1961 I was just over 5 years old so I would date this picture at around 1962 ish.

John Greyson



In the churchyard picture, the man on the left with the shears was Randell Meech or Meek who lived near the green at Dodds Hill, the man with the mower I can't put a name to.

In the past a number of village residents when they passed away left money to the church to pay for the upkeep of their graves, usually it was because they had no family left or families had moved away, and they wanted the grave to be left tidy. My father, when he was verger, had a list and used to make sure this was done. Sadly for a while now the churchyard has always seemed to be more untidy than tidy. Travelling around the area most village churchyards seem to be in a better state than Dersingham.

Bernie Twite

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning, held on September 19th at 22 Onedin Close raised £500.11p. We would like to thank everyone who came and also for the generous donations and raffle prizes plus a big thank you to the band.

Brenda, Debra and Michelle

There seem to be a growing number of instances of inconsiderate parking in the village recently and on one such occasion on Manor Road this led to a delay in a fire appliance attending a call. A fire appliance needs almost 4 metres (12 feet in old money) to be able to manoeuvre into a junction. Many people abandon their vehicles in positions which would make it difficult, sometimes impossible, to get past. This is not just limited to fire appliances either, although smaller, Ambulances also require a great deal of room to turn.

We all hope we will never need to call on the services of either of these agencies but if we do there is nothing more frustrating than being on one of these vehicles and not being able to get to the call because of someone else's lack of awareness of this issue.

Inconsiderate parking can also cover parking on pavements which means pedestrians, particularly those with prams or pushchairs, having to walk in the road to get past a vehicle.

Cul-De-Sacs also normally have an area for turning at the end which is another area where a parked car can usually be found.

I would urge people to think of these things when parking a vehicle, surely an extra few steps and 30 seconds more walking time is better than leaving your vehicle causing an obstruction.

Paul Edwards, Crew Manager, Sandringham Fire Station

Hunstanton & District Camera Club, now meeting in Dersingham, are pleased to be in a position of opening our doors to welcome new members. We have regular talks throughout the year (taking a little time off for summer) on Travel/Wildlife/Portraiture and photographic techniques, occasional visits out to areas worth imaging and out to other clubs. We run competitions both in house and with other local clubs who, as we are, are affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. There is no need to be a professional or have a state of the art digital camera, even a mobile phone can get your photographic juices flowing, all we would like is little enthusiasm with the camera. You could come along and meet the members without commitment on either the first or third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Community Building, Freebridge Housing, Orchard Close, Dersingham. Web site <http://www.hunstantoncameraclub.co.uk/> or email enquiries from the site. Age is not a barrier as we are happy to accept enthusiastic young as well as the not so young.

Rex Makemson, Chairman

I was recently visiting near Dersingham, where my great-grandfather, Edward Chaplin or Chaplyn, was a groom at Sandringham. He lived in Centre Vale in 1901 with his wife and two daughters, but it is not clear which house they lived in. I saw that the Centre Vale Cottages were built in 1895, but that Edward moved from Dodd's Hill to Centre Vale around 1901 (presumably before March 1901 when the Census was taken) according to the Electoral Roll of 1901. The listings in the 1901 Census imply that their house may have been the one closest to the Sandringham Road and Dodd's Hill - the question is which house would that have been at that time?

Unfortunately, Edward died in 1908, so that his wife worked as a housekeeper at Mansfield House, Dersingham, with her eldest daughter, while the younger daughter was sent off to the Orphan Working School/Royal Alexandra School in North London, presumably some help from Sandringham House.

I would like to know more about Centre Vale as it was c.1900, Mansfield House (perhaps since demolished or renamed), or any history of the Sandringham stables at that time. I know I can try the Royal Archives at The National Archives at Kew, where there might be some employment records, though locating relevant records may be a major task.

Peter Singleton

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Parish Council Report

by Sue Payne - chair



At the time of writing the weather is wet & windy, the clocks are due to go back, the geese are flying over, and we have some beautiful colours while the leaves change before dropping. And, we all start thinking about Christmas. The Christmas lights on the Recreation Ground will be switched-on at 3pm on Sunday November 27th. A village resident is organising an event for this – see the advert for details.

Dersingham Village Centre

I am pleased to report that the Centre finally received planning permission on September 9th.

At the time of writing we have nearly completed the Business and Capital Project Delivery Plans for our Big Lottery Funding Application.

I am very grateful to all the people who have spent a lot of time writing sections or compiling the documents & appendices.

Build costs have increased due to a change in the design to address concerns raised by Historic England. We will have the designs on show at the St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree Festival and there will be public consultation sessions in the New Year. The simple budget shown here demonstrates that there is a not-insignificant amount of money to find, so please support the fundraising effort, whether attending the monthly Village Cinema film shows, or special

events such as the Thursford Story and Fashion Show, which were held recently. We do need your support. Many have said “I will buy a brick” or “I will give some money” to the project. If you are planning to do so, please complete the form, write the cheque, and send both to the Parish Council office. **Thank-you** to those who already have *Sponsored Bricks* or *Bought Bricks and Roof-tiles*.

Buses

We are working with other Parish Councils on the route from King's Lynn to Hunstanton and beyond to try and sort out the mess that is the current bus service from Stagecoach & Lynx. County Councillors John Dobson and Richard Bird are leading on this, as Norfolk County Council has the responsibility for Bus Routes.

Planning Applications

At the September Parish Council meeting, a new committee was formed to look at how the Parish Council should respond to Planning Application consultation. Additionally, Councillors are attending training in November with the Borough Council's Planning Department.

Parish Council Meetings

At this time of year we start to think about next year's Precept, and committees will be looking at budgets at their November meetings. The Precept will be agreed at an extra Full Council meeting in January.

Members of the public are welcome at Parish Council meetings, with allotted time to ask questions relating to agenda items, or raise other issues.

If you have any comments about a planning application, please let us 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 can be found in the Parish Office window. 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 □

St Nicholas Church News

New Worship Services and Times Rev Mark Capron

After months of prayer, from Sunday 8th January a new worship plan begins for the Benefice churches of Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne.



There will be a new weekly informal morning worship at 9:30 (45mins long) at St Nicholas called 'The Gathering'. It is wonderful that many parents with children in particular are excited about the opportunity to come to church more regularly. This service will be ideal for those who are new to church or exploring faith, offering a relaxed and informal gathering together.

Also from 8th January there will be a weekly choral/ traditional service at 11am for those who prefer this regular style of worship. Refreshments at St. Nicholas will be served between the end of the 9:30 service and beginning of the 11am service. This enables distinct weekly worship. In the parish of Anmer, there will continue to be BCP (Book of Common Prayer) services twice a month now at 11am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. At Ingoldisthorpe there will be two services a month also now at 11am but on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The monthly service at Shernborne will continue at 9:30 on the 1st Sunday of the month.

It is an exciting time ahead; why not come and try one of the services in the New Year starting from the 8th January or to one of the special Advent and Christmas Services listed below. In the meantime, I know its early(!), but I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Christmas Tree Festival – Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December 10am to 4pm Friday & Saturday & 12noon to 4pm Sunday

20 + trees decorated by local Clubs & Societies in the Church.

Friday in the Church Hall where the Coffee Morning is followed by lunches being served and teas in the afternoon.

Saturday in the Church Hall is the **St Nicholas Christmas Fayre**. **Father Christmas** will be in his Grotto in the Church, please bring your children to meet him, there will also be craft activities for the children. Sunday the Church Hall will be open with stalls and there will be a Christmas Lunch available.



The Dersingham Descanters – our Handbell group will be playing on Friday afternoon lit by only the Christmas Trees.

The Bilton Silver Band will be playing on Saturday evening at 7.30pm

The Church will be open the Sunday 11th **Tea & Carols from 3pm**. An informal time of Carols & Readings for all the family and a chance to see the trees if you missed them during the Festival.

All our Services, below, will be held among the wonderfully decorated Christmas Trees so another chance to see them. Please come and join us if you can.



Sunday 27th November, 6.30pm

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 4th December, 3pm

Village Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December, 3pm

Tea & Carols, a light informal time
for all the family

Wednesday 14th December, 2pm

Carol Service with the Mothers' Union

Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm Traditional Lessons & Carols

Saturday 24th December, 4pm

Crib Service

11.30pm

Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December 8am

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Family Service

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Information on how to get involved in planning consultations has recently been improved and updated on the Norfolk Coast Partnership web site –

see <http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/get-involved-in-planning/1130>

It includes ‘10 top tips’ for involvement in planning decisions and links to our ‘planning and development’ section with more detailed information on relevant local and national plans and policies, commenting on plans and proposals, developing a planning application in the AONB and Neighbourhood Plans, plus a link to information about work we are doing to try to keep the night skies in the AONB dark, so everyone can enjoy the constellations and wildlife is not affected. □

Dersingham Christmas Art Trail

The Art Trail has now grown to twelve members in eight locations and we are coming together for the sixth time to open up our studios for a pre-Christmas display.

Liz Stockley and **Carole Brookfield** open up at 30 Dodds Hill Road, with their lovely paintings. **Mike Smith** at 17 Old Hall Drive, shows off his vibrant coastal scenes.

Stephen Martyn at 2 Alexandra Close, opens up his delightful garden studio to display his latest paintings and give details of his painting courses.

Marty Griffin's wife Trudi joins him at Hollydrive, The Drift, Ingoldisthorpe, with her handmade cards, to accompany **Marty**'s atmospheric and detailed paintings. They also give space to **Lois Williams'** latest work.

Jill Ilett opens up her new studio at 15 Heath Road to exhibit her very popular paintings.

June and Ben Mullarkey of Dersingham Pottery, 46 Chapel Road, display their wonderful range of pottery and very striking paintings.

Val Anckorn at 2 Manorside, shows her quirky paintings and a variety of unusual candles.

Jo Halpin Jones of 14 Post Office Road offers photography, digital restoration of damaged photos (bring them along on the day), second hand books and plants.

The studios will be open on Saturday and Sunday, November 26th and 27th, from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free. If you haven't been before, then this year put it in your diary. If you are revisiting studios, you can enjoy new work, perhaps alongside old favourites. You will receive a warm welcome just to come and browse, and perhaps talk to the artists. It is also an opportunity to buy delightful greetings cards, original work, and prints.

A map of all the studio locations is on a printed flier, copies of which are in Dersingham Pottery, the Library, and in other shops around the village. Copies are also at each of the studios, which will have a sign outside to guide you in. Details of all the artists and studios are on the website www.DersinghamArtTrail.org.



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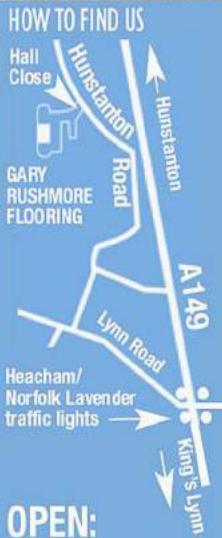
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Dersingham Day Centre by Alice Worth

It came as quite a surprise to learn that Budgens supermarket was closing on Friday 30th September, and the first I knew of it was when I got a phone call from the Central England Co-operative Society asking if the Day Centre could make use of some frozen foods for their cooked lunches. I was only too pleased to say 'yes'. I was asked to be at the shop at 3.00pm on the Friday and Carol (the Day Centre cook) and I duly arrived. We were quite taken aback when we were taken to the freezer cabinets and told to choose whatever we thought we could use.

A very pleasant lady named Pauline helped us and made a list of all the things we chose and told us she would arrange for everything to be packed and ready for us to collect within the hour. When we returned to the store we were met at the back entrance by Pauline pushing a huge stacker laden with trays of frozen food. We transferred all the trays into the boots of our cars and off we went. Between us we managed to find room for all the packets and boxes in our own freezers. We made a list of all the items and where they were being stored, so that Carol could call them off as and when they were needed. What a bonus it has proved and we are very grateful to the Co-operative Society for their generosity.

On Saturday 15th October we held our annual Autumn Fair and Coffee Morning from 10.00am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church Hall. We had a very successful morning and our takings on the day, together with generous donations, came to a total of £453. 53. I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who set up the various stalls on the Friday evening and then cleared up on the Saturday afternoon. The Day Centre Committee wishes to thank all those who came to support us on the day/gave us a donation.

The "Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake" was won by Mr Colin Carter (3lb 8ozs) and "Guess the Name of the Doll" was won by Mrs Verna Cornell with the name Arabella.

We have already started making plans for how we are going to decorate the tree we have sponsored for St Nicholas' Church Christmas Tree Festival in December. It is always a busy time for our Craft Lady, Volunteers and Members who make the various items.

We have lots of activities planned for November and December including our 35th Birthday Party in November and our Christmas party in December. We are particularly pleased that our friend and party entertainer, Leigh Murfet, has now recovered from the serious operation he had at the beginning of the year and will be back with us on both our party dates.

The Members and Volunteers of the Day Centre wish to thank all those in the village who have supported and encouraged them in so many ways throughout this last year, and we wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. □

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DERSINGHAM VILLAGE CENTRE

David Collingham, Chairman, Dersingham Village Centre Association

As I write this update, reams of paper and charts are being collated and checked by our dedicated Big Lottery Application Team. The time is nigh, and we plan to make the final Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund submission by the first week of November.

Our Parish Council is applying for a grant of £550,000. In anticipation of a favourable response from the Big Lottery, we are ramping up our fund raising, and applying for supporting grants to make up the funding shortfall of over £400,000. So, we will be very active in this throughout 2017 and beyond, and thank the whole community in advance for your support.

As ever, our current fund raising activities go on unabated:

Village Cinema Jungle Book will be shown on November 25th preceded by a cottage pie supper.

Village Lottery Thanks to all new members joining in September and October. Application forms can be obtained at the Parish Council office or online at www.dersinghamvillagecentre.co.uk. Please don't forget to renew membership or continue with direct debit.

Winning Tickets: August – 1, 60, 54
September – 62, 68, 50

Dersingham Works On October 5th, 15 local businesses met up for a working breakfast to exchange business ideas, network and promote employment of local young people. This was the second event of its type held in the Church Hall and was judged to be a resounding success.

Village Centre Events

On Friday September 23rd, we were entertained by the founder of the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, John Cushing, along with keyboard interludes from George King and superb canapés and nibbles from our caterers. Mr Cushing entranced the audience with his tales of the challenges of putting on the largest live Christmas stage show in Britain. It was a perfect evening.

By the time you read this we will have had our Fashion Parade with Allez Chic on November 18th,

Our neax event is on January 3rd. A Village Quiz organized jointly with Village Voice Live (see back cover).

We all wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to your support in 2017. □



FRONT ELEVATION

2016 at Time Out Beauty Salon

We have had a very busy year at the salon with lots of holidays and weddings to get our clients looking and feeling great. It is lovely to hear all the amazing places our clients travel to and we offer mobile wedding make up so have been a part of a few brides wedding morning which has been so special. Though we have had a busy year we always enjoy meeting new clients so if you haven't been into the salon yet please feel free to pop in and pick up a price list and say hello.

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If you are wondering what present to buy someone for this Christmas then a Time Out gift voucher is the perfect present, we offer variety of treatments so there really is something for all ages and men and women. Starting at £10 this makes the perfect table or teacher present. If you are unable to get into the salon please give us a call and we can deliver the voucher to you.

Time Out will be open until Christmas Eve but appointments fill up very quick so if you have anything special on and would like an appointment please call us to book in so you don't miss out! Katie and Kim would like to wish all our clients a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2017. Thank you for all your continued support
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Dersingham Evening WI by Maggie Guest

Our first meeting after the summer break was a talk by Dr Paul Richards on links between Sandringham and King's Lynn. This very knowledgeable speaker had us enthralled with so many interesting facts about so much that has happened with the Royal Family over the years in our close neighbourhood.

We were pleased to take part in a Village Fun Day on 18th September by holding a Tombola stall, beside the pleasure of taking part we raised some money for our funds.



Babs led the walking group starting at Holme and along the River Hun. After crossing the golf course, the walkers headed back along the beach. It was such a perfect day for walking, Babs extended the walk by a couple of miles (from 4 to 6 miles) ending at The White Horse in Holme where lunch was enjoyed.

Dobbies held a Christmas preview with exciting tasters, demonstrations and ideas for Christmas and several of the members went to enjoy the evening.

Diann had organised a theatre trip to the Corn Exchange for an evening of 60s music played by many of the original groups. Obviously, they had aged in appearance but during the many years of playing they have become excellent musicians. All the musicians were in the foyer at the end of the show and happy to talk to people, sign autographs and five of us managed to get our photo taken with The Swinging Blue Jeans!

Our meeting on the 16th November at St Cecilia's Church was the AGM when a new committee and President were appointed. Peg has been getting the Fit 'n Dancing working hard to perform at the meeting. Members are bringing examples of their hobbies to exhibit which should be interesting. The December meeting will take the form of a Christmas Party before we wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to the third Wednesday in January when we meet again. □

Dersingham WI is a lucky group to have an in-house historian, Wendy Snell, to lead groups with interesting facts to hand. Wendy took us on an historic walking tour around Dersingham which was fascinating and we followed that up with a lovely lunch in the Coash and Horses.

Brenda had a most successful Coffee Morning. It was a lovely warm day so most people went in the garden where a plant sale was held.

The crochet and MAD (knitting) group are still going strong. The craft group have recently made cards and a magic wallet.



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Dersingham Walking Group by Stephen Martyn

Welcome to the Dersingham Walking Group, which provides regular guided walks around 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.

By the time you read this it will be late November and you might well think that it's not the season for walking. But, funnily enough, our winter walks are often the most popular and we've frequently been very lucky with the weather. A chilly but bright day is ideal, but we've had some lovely walks in misty conditions, or just cloudy but not too cold. Even when rain threatens we will always walk if it's possible to do so, so why not join us for some fresh air and easy exercise.

Most months we offer at least one and often two walks, but if you'd like to walk more then take a look at the website Whifflerswalks.uk which was set up by one of our walks leaders Cliff Jordan. Around 150 walks with fifty different start locations throughout our area.

Details of our next walks are:

Wednesday 23rd November 1.30pm

Starting point: The back of West Newton Club car park.

Grid ref: TF 696 276 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

Some of the many footpaths of West Newton and Sandringham are explored in this autumn walk.

Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638

Wednesday 14th December 1.30pm

Starting point: The car park approx. ¾ mile from Knights Hill on the right of Lynn to Grimston Road. Grid ref: TF 680 229 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

A circuit of Roydon Common Nature Reserve and Grimston Warren.

Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940

Monday 26th December 10.30am

Starting point: Hunstanton lighthouse. Grid ref: TF 676 420 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

Blow those Boxing Day cobwebs away with a bracing coastal walk.

Leader: Tony Bubb 01485 542638

Wednesday 11th January 1.30pm

Starting point: Sedgeford Village Hall (car parking £1) Grid ref: TF 710 368 Length of walk: 5 miles.

A circuit of footpaths around the village of Sedgeford.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333



Sunday 22nd January 1.30pm

Starting point: Station Rd, Dersingham by the old railway station

Grid ref: TF 680 308 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

A Sunday afternoon walk around some of the footpaths of our village.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

Wednesday 8th February 2.00pm

Starting point: St Nicholas church hall, Dersingham

Grid ref: TF 692 302 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

A tour of Dersingham and Ingoldisthorpe.

Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940

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



Conversion of streetlights

Brian Anderson, Chair of the Environment Committee

At a recent meeting of the Finance, General Purposes and Administration Committee it was decided to recommend that some of the Council's reserves be used to replace all the remaining unconverted streetlights, that the Council owns, with LED bulbs. This move was prompted by the fact that we are unable to earn any significant interest on reserves and that it would better to invest in saving money in the future. Full Council agreed and Environment Committee have let the contract. It is estimated that the savings will cover the cost of the conversion with 3 years due to both lower energy and maintenance costs. □

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The new village map

I received my copy of the Dersingham Data for 2016/17 and I was pleased to see a much better map of the village but, oh dear, who thought up some of the new names for some of the locations. Lets start up the Shernborne Road. There has never been a carr pit in Snaringhall Wood. The carr pit is the other side of the road and further up the hill is Dersingham Chalk Pit. Manor Farm, as the map says, is in Church Lane but on the map is another Manor Farm up the top of Dodds Hill. This farm is called 'The Premises' and has been so called ever since I can remember. Just before you get to the wood yard down Admirals Drive there is a track going through the woods to Sandringham Hill; this track is called 'Docking Drove', as this is a track that was used by the drovers from Docking to drive their sheep, cattle, horses and geese to market at King's Lynn. Now we come to the area of land between Dodds Hill and Dersingham Wood with a gateway opposite the Feathers Hotel. On the map it is called 'The Collects'. I have never heard it called that before; the right name for this area of land is 'The Emblems'. This land at one time was part of The Emblems small holding that went from Dodds Hill to Sandringham Hill. The word 'emblems' means the yearly crops or profits of land cultivated by a tenant farmer. Now we come to the two commons: the smallest common is the 'Open Common'; and the common the other side of Heath Road is the Shut-up Common, as it was always enclosed for the villagers to keep their horses and donkeys on.

Next we come to Bypass Wood; I expect it was re-named this when the by-pass was built. There is only one small wood in this area and since the nineteen-twenties it has always been known as 'Fiddlers Wood', the reason being that Mr Fiddler Mitchell, a carrier, kept his horses on a nearby meadow and when one of them died he buried it in this wood. On the map are some lines where The Drift is located but no name. The Drift that goes west from the junction of Lynn Road is the oldest track in the village; it has been there for at least four hundred years. Until 1942 when the concrete (Beach) road was constructed, this was the only way that the villagers could get down to the sea; it went in a straight line from the village reaching the sea where the Wolferton pumping station (constructed in 1947) is now. As most of you know, I have been trying to get the so-named Dersingham Bog changed back to the name that it was called for hundreds of years - Dersingham Fen. These old names of tracks and locations must not be lost from the village.

Sandringham

I have in my possession a bound volume of a weekly edition of the Leisure Hour for the year 1864; in it is a very interesting page about the village of Sandringham. The date for completion of the purchase of Sandringham Estate by the Prince of Wales was the 11th of October 1862, but the property was paid for before the end of August. The Prince got married on the 10th of May 1863 and straightaway the Prince and his wife, Princess Alexandra, took over the control of the improvements to Sandringham House.

The following is extracted from the Leisure Hour dated January the 23rd 1864, issue no 630, about Sandringham house and village:

"The parish of Sandringham is situated in the north west corner of the county of Norfolk, and is very limited in extent, covering little more than one and a half square miles; the population has been decreasing for a long time and in 1851 there was only sixty inhabitants. The name of Sandringham is commonly supposed to be due to the sandy nature of the soil and to be derived from the words 'sand' and 'Dersingham'; in the Doomsday Book it is called Saint Dersingham. The heath land around Sandringham stretches towards Wolferton, where there is a railway station on the Lynn and Hunstanton branch of the Eastern Counties Railway. Lynn itself is the nearest large town near at hand, five or six miles off. The village of Sandringham is very much scattered;

it is wild rather than pretty; its inhabitants as a rule are not over-supplied with intelligence. It does not need, however, great refinement or education to appreciate the deeds of kindness and the acts of courtesy that the villagers have already experienced from their Royal Highnesses.

The cottages on the Sandringham estate, like many of the cottage homes in the agricultural counties of England are unfit for human families to dwell in; and it is gratifying to know that the Prince, having heard of their condition, has personally inspected and given orders for them to be rebuilt in a manner in which the proprieties and decencies of life will be taken into consideration. Neither is the Princess backward in the same good work and both have shown in many ways that they take an interest in the homes of their future subjects. Even the children are thought of; on the 9th of November last, the Prince's birthday, a dinner was given to the children of the parish and the Princess went among them and expressed her pleasure at their enjoyment."

A ship's bell

Now I have some thing for all you readers to get your heads around. A gentleman rang me up to say that he had in his possession a large and heavy ship's bell; the only writing on it is 'Sze-chuen 1862.' I have done a lot of research about this bell. The ship Sze-chuen weighed 1,090 tons; she was built at a shipyard in New York in 1862; and along with two other ships she steamed off to China where she was operated by an American firm, P. S. Forbes and Co, for service on the Yangtze River in China. Now comes the interesting bit. This bell was bought in a two-day auction of the contents of the Ken Hill Mansion in Ken Hill woods at Snettisham, where it had hung in the front hall. What we would like to know is how did this large ship's bell get from the Yangtze river in China get to a large country house set on a hill surrounded by woods in Snettisham in the county of Norfolk, England? I have written to Lloyds and looked in many books and we have come to the conclusion that the Sze-chuen ended her days up the Yangtze river or, as some information we got suggests, she sank somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea but this seems very unlikely to me.

So if anyone out there worked up Ken Hill and remembers this bell, or anyone out there who knows anything about it, I would be delighted if they would get in touch with me.

Schools

Now going back to my bit about the location and names of places and roads on the latest Dersingham street plan , when I first went to school I went to the primary school at the bottom of Dodds Hill. Then when I reached eleven I moved up to the school at the top of Dodds Hill, called the secondary modern, but all village boys and girls called them two schools the bottom school and the top school, which made sense as they were at the top and bottom of the hill.

Just a little bit of squit to finish with. When my father came out of the army in 1948, after doing 25 years, he got the job as caretaker at the secondary modern at the top of Dodds Hill. He was told at the time that there was a spare area of land just inside the school gate where they would build him a house. My father said, "If you do I won't live in it, as I have a house in the village." So they never built the house and my father biked up and down Dodds Hill twice a day until he retired after 25 years as the caretaker.

Well that's all for now, have a good Christmas, and don't you all forget just keep a troshin. □

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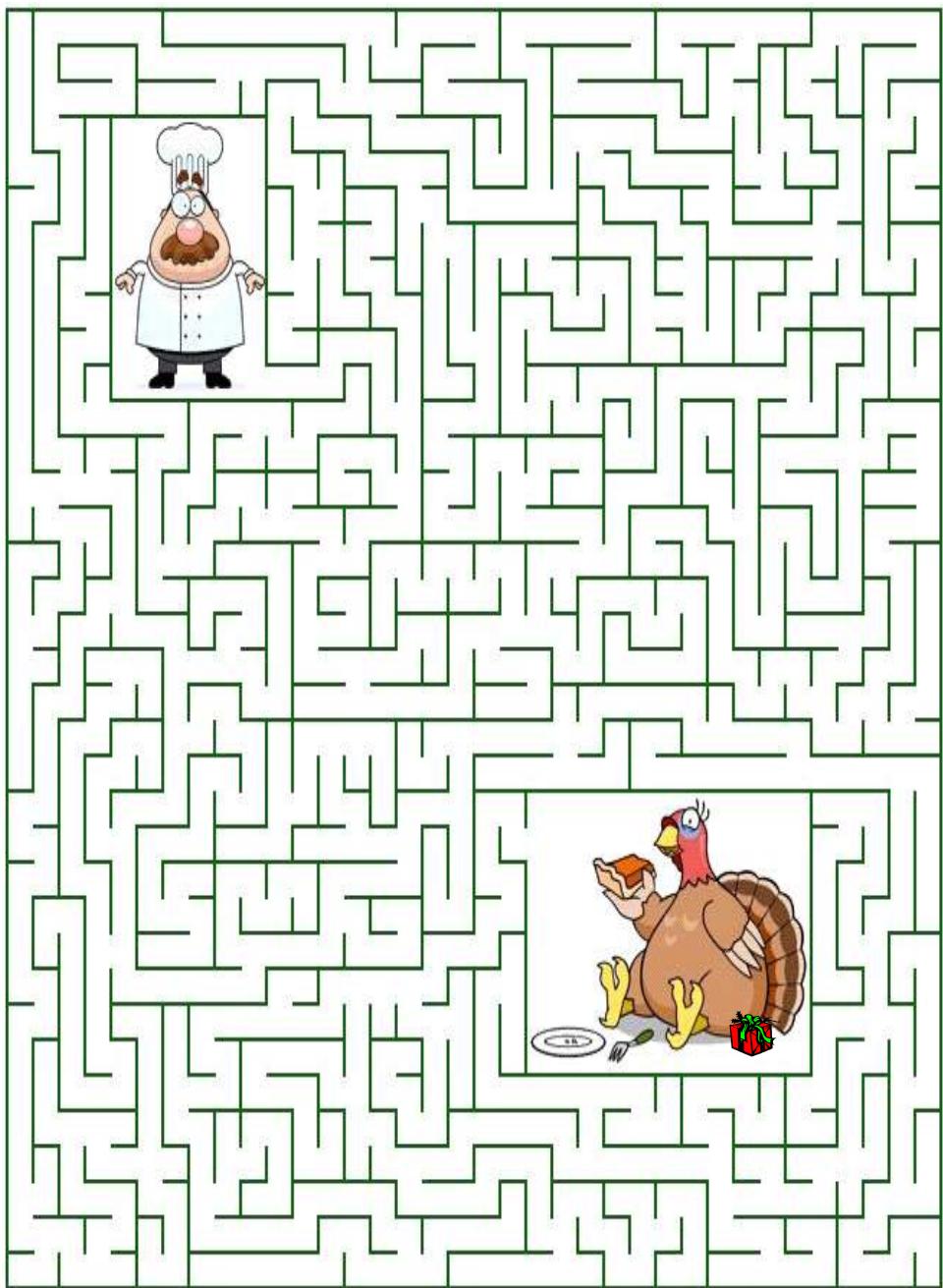
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It's been a busy half-term for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with new members joining or moving up into the next section.



The Beavers (aged 6-8 years) held a Coffee Evening for Macmillan Cancer Research for family and friends and raised over £50. The Beavers had made and decorated cakes to sell, created posters and served their guests. They also joined Beavers from all over Norfolk for a day out at Bewilderwood to celebrate the 30th Birthday of Beavers.

The Cubs (8-10 years) have been busy achieving both their Disability Awareness and Home Help badges. Some of the activities for these badges included using their feet to hold pens and trying sitting down volleyball, as well as making a bed (with hospital corners).

Following on from their Summer Camp the Scouts (10-14 years) have been working



towards their Survival skills badge with fire lighting and shelter building. They are now looking forward to a weekend survival camp at Wolferton campsite during half term.

New members are always welcome and warmly received, no matter what your age - whether you have been involved before and wish to rejoin or whether you would like to join for the first time.

Please contact Group Scout Leader Tom Wheeler 01485 541600 or tgowheeler@yahoo.co.uk for more information.□



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The Sandringham Newsletter

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The cereal harvest was completed in early September, and in the main the weather stayed dry throughout which is always helpful. With the combination of this year's very cool spring and summer, lower yields than normal were expected and this seems to be what has happened. As always, having completed the harvest, the Farm team went straight into autumn cultivations to prepare the fields for sowing autumn cereals. The organic fields always need extra effort at this time to try to remove as many perennial weeds as possible. Then mustard is sown in these fields to act as a green manure – a fast-growing, nitrogen-fixing crop which will prevent annual weeds from having light and space to thrive, and which will be ploughed straight back into the ground to help improve soil structure and fertility.

At the Sawmill, staff are building up stocks of firewood in preparation for the winter, as they will be kept busy over the next few months keeping up with demand from people stocking up with logs for fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

In the Gardens, the recent fine weather meant that gardeners were able to complete the annual hedge-cutting and to keep up with mowing and weeding, but it also meant they had to irrigate shrubs in the drier areas of the garden. The water for this comes from the lakes within the gardens, which are fed partly by natural springs and partly by rainwater draining off the roof of Sandringham House and piped down the slope. They also trimmed and shaped hedges and topiaries both in the Gardens and at the Visitor Centre, as well as in the Walled Garden.



The apple orchards seemed to have a really good crop this year of good-sized apples of all varieties. The Pick Your Own season ran from mid-September to early October, during which the orchards were full of people stocking up with Bramleys and Cox's Orange Pippin, and enjoying a couple of hours in one of the most beautiful parts of the Estate.

Another of the vehicles from the collection in the Museum went on its travels in the last month. The 1900 Daimler Mail Phaeton, the first motor vehicle to be owned by a member of the Royal Family when it was bought by Edward, Prince of Wales, was lent to the Concours of Elegance at Windsor Castle, held in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent. It has now returned and is back in pride of place at the entrance to the Museum.

The Visitor Centre Gift Shop has now extended its ranges to include Christmas gifts and decorations, and their range of hampers, either ready-made or assembled to order, is already proving popular. The Visitor Centre Restaurant will be serving Christmas lunches daily from 26th November. Finally, the Light Up A Life service organised by the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, will be taking place at the Visitor Centre on Monday 5th December. □





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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.

Christmas Masses this year will be:-

Christmas Eve 24th December - Carols at 8.30pm
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Christmas Day 25th December – Mass at 10am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham.

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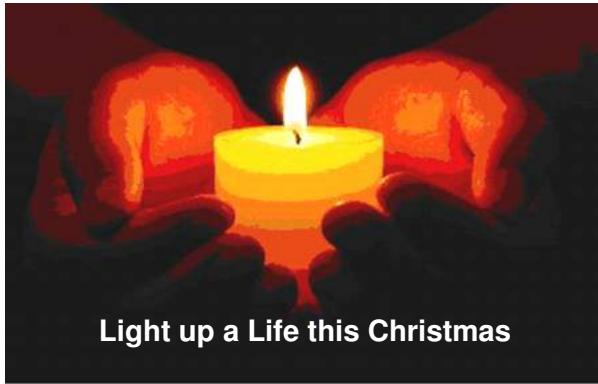
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Christmas is almost here for another year. It is during this time that friends and family come together to share this special season. However, it is always difficult when we think of those who unfortunately cannot share it with us.

For many years The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House has been hosting *Light up a Life* during December. *Light up a Life* is a national appeal organised by Hospices across the country to celebrate the memory of loved ones at Christmas time. This year, the appeal is being supported by East of England Co-op Funeral Services. This support means that every penny donated to the appeal goes directly to supporting people living with life-shortening illnesses as well as their carers and bereaved families.

The Norfolk Hospice is inviting the local community to remember their loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a light on their Christmas tree, which will be brightly lit at the Hospice during December.

As part of a *Light up a Life* dedication, individuals will have:-

- * The opportunity to attend a *Light up a Life* event during December. Guests will be able to light a candle for their loved ones during these events.
- * The names of their loved ones entered into the *Light up a Life* Book of Remembrance, which will be available to view at all of the *Light up a Life* events and at the Hospice during December.
- * Their loved ones names entered into the *Light up a Life* Order of Service which will be available at the events.

This year the Hospice is hosting four *Light up a Life* services. The services are open to everyone, not just people who have made a dedication.

Sunday 4th December at King's Lynn Minster (3pm)

Monday 5th December at Sandringham Visitor Centre (5pm)

Thursday 8th December at The Norfolk Hospice, Hillington (5.45pm)

Sunday 11th December at St Edmunds, Downham Market (3pm)

Louise Clark, Bereavement Co-ordinator at the Hospice commented, “Christmas can be a poignant time of year if someone close to you has died. We hope our Light up a Life events offer a special way of remembering and reflecting on the lives of those whose memory we treasure. Our Bereavement team will be at all the services to offer support should you wish it.”

Andrew Dawes, Head of Specialist Services at the East of England Co-op said “Christmas is a time of year when people’s thoughts turn to those they’ve lost and those that mean a lot to them. Working with The Norfolk Hospice on this campaign and raising vital funds for families across the region that are affected by life-shortening illnesses is something we feel very passionately about supporting at the East of England Co-op.”

Anyone who wishes to make a dedication or would like more information about Light up a Life should call the Hospice fundraising team on 01485 601701 or visit www.norfolkhospice.org.uk

A Treasure Hunt

David Bingham

I've heard that there's a new craze sweeping the land, which is enticing the nation's teenagers to venture out blinking into the cold light of day clutching their smart phones in their hands. I'm not sure of the details because I'm not part of what the marketing people would call the 'target audience'. As far as I can make out the game seems to be a kind of treasure hunt where the players search for a pixellated sprite, which pops up on their smart phones when pointed at the right place. I may not be inclined to join them in this game because of age (and lack of smart phone) but I do enjoy a treasure hunt - particularly if the treasure is real rather than digital.

I was reading through the newspapers in a café recently when an article in the Lynn News caught my eye. It was late September and the article was about the marsh gentians that were flowering on East Winch Common. I'd never seen a marsh gentian so decided to set off in search of these botanical jewels. Finding the common was the first problem to solve but proved easy because of the conveniently named Common Road. I parked in a small lay-by and made for the Norfolk Naturalist Trust's information board, which has been placed close to the entrance. This raised my hopes because a marsh

gentian was included in the montage of the wonders to behold on the common. The article in the newspaper had mentioned that the gentians were growing alongside the cross-leaved heaths, *Erica tetralix*, and that these were dying back making the gentians easier to spot. I know what cross-leaved heaths look like and that they prefer damper ground than heather so I made for the ponds marked on the information board's map to start the search in that area. The cross-leaved heaths were easy to spot and sure enough their usual sage green colouring was turning brown at the top. Searching in this area proved fruitless, as did the following two hours of wandering around the heath.

East Winch Common is a lowland heathland, a rare and threatened habit - only one sixth of the British heaths that existed in 1800 remain. They developed on nutrient poor acidic soils and were

maintained by constant grazing from the Bronze Age onwards. They have often been viewed as wasteland and their importance as wildlife habitats has only been recognised in recent years. The loss of heathlands has been due to agriculture, forestry, housing and road building. Perhaps we should consider ourselves lucky to have any heathlands left to enjoy - it depends whether you are a glass five sixth empty or one six full sort of person. The heathland at East Winch has been preserved by the villagers exercising their commoners rights over the centuries and is now



being well looked after by the trust. A herd of handsome young British white cattle were out on the common doing a great job in ensuring the right level of grazing is maintained.

I'd given up my search and was heading back to my car when I spotted a couple of small rectangular enclosures that I guessed were part of some research into the effects of grazing on the heathland. I went to take a look at these and there it was shining out from a clump of cross-leaved heath - an electric blue marsh gentian. I couldn't get close enough to take a decent photo as you can see but mission accomplished. Well sort of, the gentian was in an enclosure and not out on the open common so can I really claim to have seen a wild marsh gentian? □



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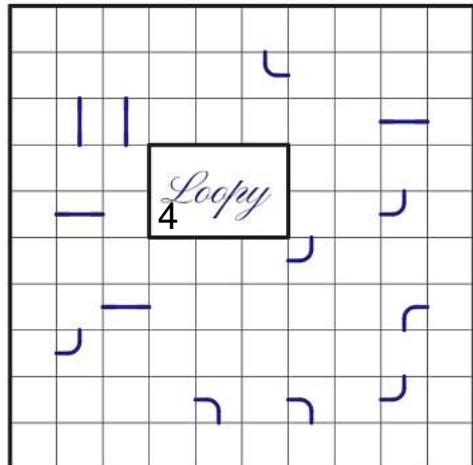
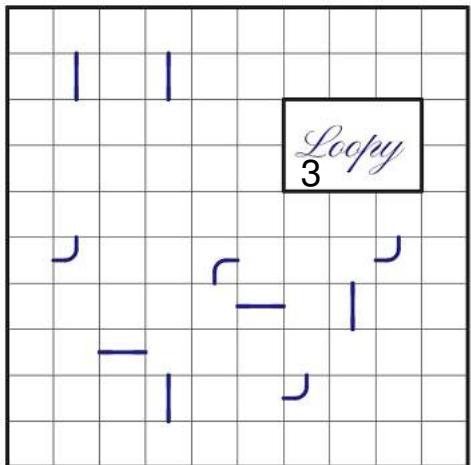
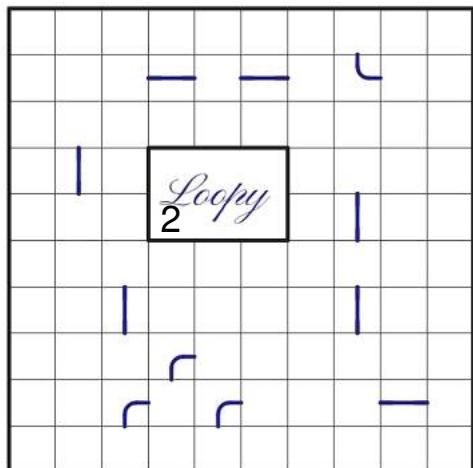
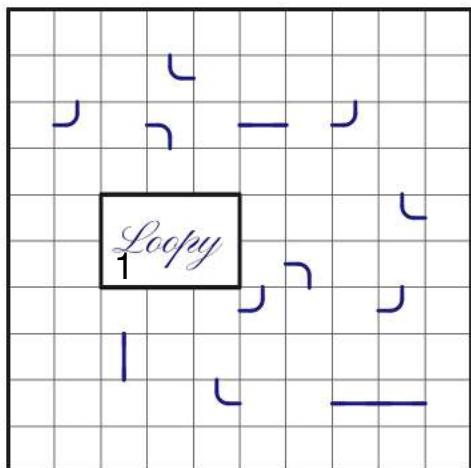
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Loopy Puzzles as recommended by Steve Davis

For the past couple of months I've enjoyed solving the *Loopy Puzzle* found online at looppuzzle.com and produced by Mark Huckvale (actually Professor of Speech Science at University College London), who has graciously given me permission to publish a few for you. Here is a sample:

Your task is to connect all the squares together with straight lines or turns to the right or left, using the ones already given so that all the squares (Apart from the "Loopy" rectangle in the middle) are joined by a single twisty loop.

Here are four to tax you over the holidays. Do persevere and after a bit of practice you could be solving them in a couple of minutes. □



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Sandringham Parish Council from Ben Colson

Sandringham Parish Council covers the settlements at Babingley, West Newton and Wolferton as well as Sandringham itself. We are a small parish, with no precept, which means no funds, so spreading the word as to what we are doing on your behalf, other than by village notice boards, is difficult. We are therefore delighted we have this new opportunity to contribute to Village Voice, and for it to be distributed through the parish.

The Parish Council meets every other month, and we alternate the venue between the Sandringham Club in West Newton and the Social Club in Wolferton. The remaining meetings for the year up to our AGM next May are:

4th January 2017, 6.30pm at the Sandringham Club, West Newton

8th March 2017, 6.30pm at the Social Club, Wolferton

4th May 2017, 6.30pm at the Sandringham Club, West Newton (our Annual General Meeting)

Your Parish Councillors are:

Ben Colson (Chairman)

Cecil Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Martin Cove

Karl Dennis

Maeve Johnson

Phil Woodhouse

At the time of writing, we are one Councillor short of our legal representation of seven, something we are confident to have resolved by the time that this is published. Parish Council meetings are open for any resident to attend, and to listen to the proceedings. At the Annual General Meeting – the next date is 4th May – there is the opportunity to question your Councillors on matters of your choice.

Because we operate without any funds, all that we can achieve is achieved by persuading others to implement things for us. We are indebted to the Sandringham Estate for its understanding, and work closely with other organisations, especially the Borough and County Councils. We are a small and spread out parish, with just some 170 households in total, spread between four communities.

The main issues of concern raised by residents this year will be familiar to some in Dersingham. The constant and unannounced changes to the bus services have proved to be more than an irritant, with the Council having joined a group of parishes which is working towards seeking a more stable planned provision of bus services in the immediate area.

A further issue we have dealt with this year has been the impact of excessive speeds through both principal villages in the Parish, West Newton which has a 30mph speed limit yet which is widely ignored, and Wolferton with no speed limit (so the national 60mph applies) and where mostly non-residents visiting the village for business or schooling reasons drive at speeds which are excessive for the road width and layout. We have been working with the Estate and Norfolk County Council to devise traffic calming measures appropriate to a rural village and hope that these will be implemented soon.

At least one parish councillor attends the Hunstanton area SNAP (Safer neighbourhood) scheme meetings with the Police and has found this useful and important. At the most recent meeting we raised the subject of the volume of road traffic accidents on the A149, not limited to our parish, and asked for a report back on what plans the County Council, as the road authority, has to take action to implement an accident reduction strategy.

However, the biggest issue of concern for many years is the failing broadband facility in

Wolferton, now for many as low as 0.5mb, compared with thirty times that speed which is now available in West Newton. The Council has had reports of residents not being able to complete their professional competence annual upgrades, not being able to buy car insurance, not being able to buy rail tickets, not being able to do homework – just to mention a few – and all report that it has worsened in the past year. This has nothing to do with “nice to haves” such as streaming, or watching television on an I-Pad or mobile, instead it has everything to do with the basics of living nowadays, all the more so because increasingly central government is only willing to transact business on line (it is what they call e-government). We are therefore engaged in discussions with the Project Manager from the Better Broadband for Norfolk office to seek an early resolution of the problems facing us.

In this we have to be cautious. Not for nothing is the office called the “Better broadband....” rather than “Faster broadband....” as the second is defined by government as 24mb, whereas the former means at least 15mb but with an aspiration for a speed of 24, but, in “hard to reach areas” – whether technically or financially – better broadband is defined as a paltry 2mb!

On 9th November a public meeting was held in Wolferton at which the Better Broadband Project Manager made a presentation and answered questions. We made clear that the proposed upgrade date of July 2020 is inadequate and pushed hard for an improvement on that and will await developments.

And finally, we are delighted that we now have the opportunity to distribute Village Voice through the communities within our Parish Council area and we are seeking a volunteer to distribute in West Newton and another for Babingley. Any interest, please contact us at sandringhamclerk@btinternet.com. □

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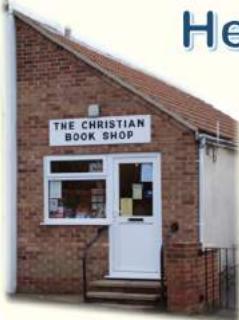
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Musical Echoes

by Steve Davis

Last month we had a new addition to our household that my wife and I have really grown quite fond of. Her name is Alexa. She's black and quite slim; I would say elegant to look at, especially when, as she speaks, her countenance lights up. But the quality of sound in her voice when she sings or plays music is truly amazing and, for all this, she stands just over nine inches tall and three inches in diameter! Call me a gadget freak if you must but when, as a subscriber to *Amazon Prime*, I was offered a favourable discount to pre-order one of their new *Amazon Echo* WiFi speaker devices I decided to take the punt. (See amazon.co.uk/echo). You may remember my article at the start of the year entitled *Music to my Ears*, when I was extolling my venture into the world of *Amazon Music* and wireless links to *Bluetooth*

compatible speakers, but things seem to have moved on quite a pace since then.

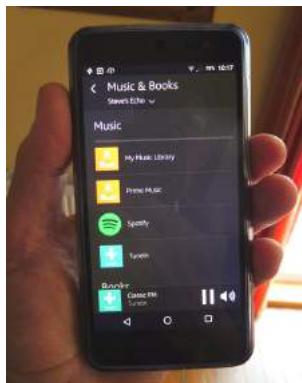
For some while now, many of the major audio equipment companies have offered quality HiFi WiFi speaker systems that enable music from various sources to be streamed over the Internet, most notable perhaps being the *Sonos* system (see sonos.co.uk), all controlled from a smart phone or computer tablet. What makes the *Amazon Echo* so special is that it can be controlled by voice command whereupon *she* will respond with a warm, perfectly enunciated, very feminine English accent. Upon hearing her name "Alexa" (or alternatively "Amazon" or "Echo", should you happen to have a wife or daughter or dog, etc called Alexa), the ring around her top lights up in blue, whilst she attentively listens to your command before making her response and, where possible, carrying out your wishes. If you prefer, more detailed requests and

selections can be made through the *Amazon Alexa* phone/tablet app, which also maintains a complete log of all requests made.

I might say "Alexa, play Classic FM", to which she will respond "*Playing Classic FM from Tune-In*" (a free online service reproducing hundreds of Radio stations as well as recent, pre-recorded programmes or *Podcasts*), and immediately I hear Classic FM playing. If I want to adjust the volume, I say "Alexa, louder", or "Alexa, quieter" or "Alexa, volume 5) and she obliges.

I could say "Alexa, play some Simon and Garfunkel" to which she would reply "*Shuffling the most popular songs by Simon and Garfunkel from Amazon Music*" and a random sequence of appropriate tracks would sing out. She responds to requests for a specific song, composer, predefined playlist or whole musical genre that can be met either from my personal online music library or *Amazon Prime Music* at large, though if you are a subscriber to other services such as *Spotify* she will search those too. If I hear a track playing that I'm not familiar with, I say "Alexa what's this?" and she tells me. If I don't like the current track playing I could say "Alexa, next", or "Alex previous" to hear the last track again and, when I've had enough "Alexa, stop!" Furthermore, if you subscribe to the *Amazon Audiobook* service, then a simple command to select the book you require will have one of many celebrities, such as Derek Jacobi, reading out loud to you from where it last left off.

If I say "Alexa, good morning", she will respond and then tell me what



day it is and a useful fact or two about it. I can ask Alexa to add things to a shopping list (also maintained and viewable by phone app), or ToDo list. I can ask her what 157 times 283 is and she tells me the answer 44,431. And so it goes on – I can ask about the Euro/Pound exchange rate and even “Alexa, tell me a joke”, whereupon she randomly will select something like: “*What has eight wheels and flies – a rubbish truck!*” If you feel so inclined (and I’m not sure that I do), you can buy various WiFi controlled electrical switches and fittings to have around the home to enable you to ask Alexa to turn devices on and off, to dim the lights or turn up the heating, etc. But it is the voice controlled selection of music that came into its own for me recently whilst I was decorating our living room and didn’t want to have to put my brush and paint pot down. I guess the same might be true when you’re working in the kitchen with sticky or floury hands. Best of all though is that whereas my wife will usually shy away from trying to operate anything remotely technical, she has rather taken to Alexa and is more than happy to call the tunes!

Alexa’s skills and services on offer are being added to all the time, so this is just the beginning of a whole new wave of technology. *Google* are about to release their new voice activated system called *Google Home*, which may well be available by the time you read this, and I’ve no doubt will try to compete with its rivals. Apple too will have something similar on offer, based around *Siri*, which *iPad* and *iPhone* users may be familiar with. The Amazon Echo is currently available at around £150, though I fancy this will reduce as Christmas approaches and the competition takes hold. This month a smaller device, the *Amazon Echo Dot* was released. The same diameter but standing only an inch and a quarter high and surprisingly with all the same functionality. The difference with the *Dot* however being in the quality of the speaker, which is obviously very tiny by comparison and sounding a little tinny. However, if you already have a larger audio speaker or sound bar with suitable input socket to which it can be connected, or wireless *Bluetooth* capability, at only a third of the price of her big sister, the *Amazon Echo Dot* would be quite a good buy. I must stress though that streaming music regularly will bump up your monthly broadband usage so you do need to ensure that you are on a high or preferably unlimited broadband tariff.

I guess many may consider this all sounds rather gimmicky and unnecessary, but the potential for the future could be so far reaching, especially for those who, for one reason or another, find difficulty with access to or manipulation of controls. Imagine, for instance, being able to make a hands-free *Skype* type phone call just by calling out the name of the person to contact. It surely can’t be far away. I personally look forward to future developments.

Thankfully my life doesn’t revolve around just listening to music but making it too. I currently sing in the choir at St Nicholas Church, who have a full programme of events and services throughout the season of Advent and beyond of course. I will be leading and playing guitar at the *Tea and Carols* afternoon there at 3pm on Sunday 11th December and on a regular basis, in the New Year, when you will see that we begin our new programme of Family Services starting at 9:30am every Sunday. Apart from that I enjoy the occasional play and sing for my friends at The Gables, and have recently joined the ranks of the Hunstanton Community Choir, which has several members already from Dersingham; – it’s such great fun. Do look out for our future concerts and come and hear us you may even feel inspired to join yourself as I did.

So now may I wish you a very happy and peaceable Christmas with a fulfilling New Year, whilst I settle back and call up some suitable seasonal music from the Amazon Archives. “Alexa—put the kettle on!” Contact: steve@davista.co.uk □





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The Things People Believe...Or Not

by Brian Anderson

There is something in the human consciousness that compels at least some of us to believe things without evidence. The growth of the internet over the last few decades has made this problem worse, especially with regard to conspiracy theories. I'm going to have look at just a few...

"That the Moon landings were faked."

This one's been around ever since Apollo 11 touched down in 1969. All the claims of fakery have been rebutted. There are so many I can't deal with them all, so here's selection.

You can't see any stars in the images taken on the moon. This is an easy one. You also can't see any stars in a brightly lit car park at night. The dynamic range of both the eye and the camera will wash out faint objects in a strongly illuminated environment.



The flag placed on the surface by the astronauts fluttered despite there being no wind on the Moon. This suggests that it was filmed on Earth and a breeze caused the flag to flutter. The flag was fastened to an L-shaped rod so that it did not hang down. The flag only seemed to flutter when the astronauts were moving it into position. Without air drag, these movements caused the free corner of the flag to swing like a pendulum for some time. The flag was rippled because it had been folded during storage—the ripples could be mistaken for movement in a still photo. Videos show that when the astronauts let go of the flagpole it vibrates briefly but then remains still.

Footprints in the Moon dust are unexpectedly well preserved, despite the lack of moisture. The moon dust is uneroded, unlike dusts and grits on Earth. The sharpness of the grains permits greater cohesion. On a similar subject, the videos from the Moon show dust kicked up rises far higher than on Earth (lower gravity) and settles quickly in a parabolic arc (no atmosphere). This latter point was demonstrated on the Apollo 15 mission when a feather and a hammer were dropped together and reached the ground at the same time - again, no air resistance.

There was little dust scattered during the descent and no blast crater under the lander. There was dust. Some Apollo crews reported it as obscuring visibility during final descent. There was a crater but only about 150mm deep - this is because the *regolith* (the layer of lunar surface under the dust) is very compact.

A couple of final points:

Tens of thousands of people worked on the Apollo programme. It is inconceivable that for nearly 50 years a faked Moon landing could have been kept secret. And the missions brought back rocks. Many are similar to minerals found on Earth (not surprising since both bodies come from the same primary source) but are lacking in volatile compounds and are completely devoid of hydrated minerals. However, three minerals completely unknown on Earth were discovered.

"That homeopathy works."

The basic principle of homeopathy is that "like cures like". It is initially plausible. If you give someone a substance that produces the same substance as a disease it *may* stimulate the body's defences to resist the actual disease. But treating symptoms isn't the same as a cure. In any case homeopathy rapidly gets very weird. The founder of modern homeopathy (Samuel Hahnemann) proposed that the treatment gets more effective the more you dilute it. Modern remedies are often labelled 15C or 30C - this means that for 15C the "active" agent is diluted in water in a ratio of 1



in a hundred 15 times. That works out at 1 part of active agent for 10^{30} parts of water - or 10 followed by 30 zeros. This means that no active agent is left - it's just water. To get more than a molecule or so you'd have to drink the Atlantic Ocean.

In more recent times it was proposed that the water had a "memory" of the agent dissolved in it. Despite rigorous scientific testing, no evidence for this ever been produced. In any case, at the dilutions commonly used everything that had ever been dissolved in the water would have a homeopathic effect - it could be used to cure anything!

In some ways, homeopathy fails in its own terms. Arnica is given as a homeopathic treatment for sprains and bruises. But its use as a poultice is known from herbalism is probably effective. But it doesn't *cause* the symptoms of a sprain or bruise - so the basic principle of "like cures like"

has been abandoned.

So why do people claim it works for them? The first explanation is the placebo effect - people think it's going to work and "cure themselves" - incidentally, homeopathy has never done better than placebos in medical trials. The second explanation is whatever it was would have got better anyway; sometimes time is all that's needed. The third is that other treatments are given at the same time and these effected the cure. The fourth is the therapeutic effect of the consultation. So if it's just water does it do any harm? In many cases it won't - drinking a glass of water is good for you anyway. But if homeopathy is used as substitute for medicines that actually work, real harm can be done. Homeopathic treatments can be obtained for treating or preventing malaria, HIV and some cancers. It's not putting it too strongly to say it's a matter of life or death.

"That astrology can predict the future."

This is one subject where there is absolutely no scientific basis whatever apart, perhaps, that the time of year in which you are born may affect your later development. Astrology is a very old pursuit, probably going back into prehistory. One of its problems is a phenomenon called cognitive bias where practitioners and believers remember those predictions which came true and ignore or forget those that did not. Many experiments have been conducted to test the efficacy of astrology, the best using double blind tests where neither the experimenter or the subjects know which predictions are astrologically based and which are predictions chosen at random. The results have always shown that the astrological predictions are no better than chance.

Astrologers generally have little knowledge of astronomy. The western tradition of astrology makes no allowance for things like the axial precession (or precession of the equinoxes) which puts the sun in a different place in the sky on the same date in successive years, making the charts increasingly distant from astronomical reality. Astrologers complained bitterly when Pluto was demoted to being a dwarf planet as it "upset the charts" when one imagines that they would have seen this in their prior predictions. In fact, they have never been able to predict the existence of "missing" planets (Uranus and Neptune).

Besides Western Astrology, there are Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Mayan astrological traditions, all using different axioms and rules and usually coming up with different predictions. Many newspapers carry horoscopes which are so vague and generalised that they can be neither confirmed or falsified. All I have carry a statement in very tiny type right at the bottom - "for entertainment purposes only".



"That the MMR vaccine caused autism and inflammatory bowel disease."

This is a case of pseudoscience leading in some cases to tragic consequences. In the late 1990's concerns were raised as to whether the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine caused significant health problems in children. A research paper was published in *The Lancet* a few years later implying that tissue samples had been recovered which linked the vaccine to bowel disease and that there was convincing evidence that it caused autism.



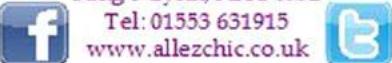
There was an immediate fall in the vaccination rate. I quote from Wikipedia: "After the controversy began, the MMR vaccination compliance dropped sharply in the United Kingdom, from 92% in 1996 to 84% in 2002. In some parts of London, it was as low as 61% in 2003, far below the rate needed to avoid an epidemic of measles. By 2006 coverage for MMR in the UK at 24 months was 85%, lower than the about 94% coverage for other vaccines. After vaccination rates dropped, the incidence of two of the three diseases increased greatly in the UK. In 1998 there were 56 confirmed cases of measles in the UK; in 2006 there were 449 in the first five months of the year, with the first death since 1992; cases occurred in inadequately vaccinated children. Mumps cases began rising in 1999 after years of very few cases, and by 2005 the United Kingdom was in a mumps epidemic with almost 5000 notifications in the first month of 2005 alone."

By the late 2000's serious doubts were expressed about the quality of the research the less than ethical techniques used to gather material. A massive international study concluded that was no link between the vaccine and the diseases cited. *The Lancet*, along with most of the paper's authors retracted the paper and its findings. Eventually, MMR vaccination rates recovered but it was too late for the children who had died or been permanently disabled. □



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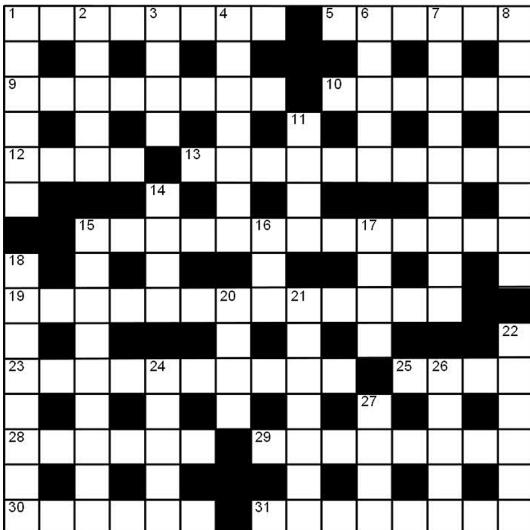


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Across

1. His prose spoiled the fruit (8)
5. E.T. found in reconditioned Dundee chimney trinket (6)
9. Birth of the homebred (non-European) who entered country without a trainee (8)
10. Ironclad meat ablaze (6)
12. Rushmore resident lost his head in the disturbance (4)
13. Reluctance about the dog who accompanied relative to church (10)
15. Worried ed. deletes as if Carol calls for Marianne (translated) (6, 7)
19. Doctor Trevor in a beer effect (13)
23. Celine dancing with beginner in struggle to find home to Christmas dinner accompaniment (4, 6)
25. Resonance from house choir (4)
28. Visitor forced to leave government abroad (6)
29. Party in fertile pleasing (8)
30. So easy for trainer working with no oxygen left (6)
31. Winter version of Bond movie featuring Oscar Adkins? (8)



Down

1. Broken earring lost a quoit (6)
2. Stewed dates fulfilled (5)
3. Own harbour but not northern (4)
4. Invalid lost blood group on veranda at hospital department (7)
6. Distressed Noel got married and could have started 8 (5)
7. Sliced 6 initially for luscious acerbic nourishment at eight (5, 4)
8. Convert yards of fungi into feet to find the Christmas dinner (3, 5)
11. The French and us are rising freely in channel (4)
14. Penny organ game in tree (4)
15. Frustrated maid vents preference for coming second (9)
16. Stray polecat lost his English feet (3)
17. The Guardian say lost unknown chamber (4)
18. R. Walters misbehaved for catchers (8)
20. Head off walking area for obsolete units (4)
21. A noisy boy? 'But he's behind you - oh no he isn't' (7)
22. Ignore 15 - this was the first.... (6)
24. but she is only fifteen (5)
26. Hooded killer found writhing in car boot (5)
27. We come up on British Rail but goes down well at Christmas time (4)

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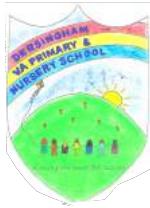
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Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School from Sue Picton

As another school year commences, the children at both sites have launched themselves into the creative curriculum, taking charge of their learning and enjoying their increased sense of independence.

The Early Years children have had a busy half term as they settle into their new classroom bases. They have been fortunate enough to enjoy visits from Norfolk County Council's road safety team, a beautiful owl, an evening of bat watching and a spooky story telling spectacular with Alison Thorne from the library service. Their amazing Forest School is up and running with the children enjoying a wide range of outdoor learning experiences. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Chestney for all her hard work and commitment in developing the area and expanding the outdoor curriculum.

Year 1 Unicorns and Bumble-Ebras have had a wonderful time diving headlong in to as much



muck mess and mixtures as they could find! Using inspiration from Roald Dahl, they mixed up a selection of gruesome recipes filled with slimy bugs, crispy beetles and juicy worms, making scrumdidiliumptious mud pies and using made up fantabulous words! The children carefully followed instructions to make some Frobscottle for the B.F. G and listened to George's Marvellous Medicine! They used their scientific skills to discover which products made the best bubbles and got very messy in some big vats of jelly, foam and slime, exploring mixtures. The children made predictions and learnt how to write up their scientific experiments. They finished off their half term activities with a cooking extravaganza!

The Year 2 Dragons Class have been learning about castles and were visited by a gallant knight entreating the children to join him on a quest. The children rose to the challenge and recovered items stolen from the castle, they were able to use this experience to create some imaginative, exciting stories. They unveiled a wealth of history during their visit to Norwich Castle, where they learnt about medieval toilets as well as creating fiercesome beasts and participating in role play activities.

Year 3 Crocklebogs launched the new term with a visit to Bewilderwood, which was hugely enjoyed by all. When the children returned to school they realised that some cheeky wandering Grubbles had stowed away on the bus and were camping on the school grounds! The children used their imagination to turn their classroom into a creative learning hub as well as becoming super scientists investigating the rainforest.

Year 4/5 Griffins, Phoenix and Hippogriff classes started the new school year exploring the lives of children evacuated at the start of WW2, which led to some enjoyable drama and letter writing lessons. The children were able to think about how it might have felt to be uprooted to the countryside. They created timelines and maps showing how WW2 progressed, made model Anderson shelters, and wrote diary extracts about how it might have felt, rushing out into the night to find safety from overhead planes. The children learned what to do if the air raid siren went off,



and even went back in time on the Poppy Line railway from Sheringham to Holt, where the children dressed as evacuees, and found out about aeroplane recognition, gas masks, and rationing, while making their own (small!) lunches. They made poppies and thought about remembering soldiers from various religions who fought during the war and practised maths calculations with WW2 word problems. The climax to the topic culminated in a street party, where the children enjoyed celebrating, sharing food and singing uplifting songs from WW2.

Year 6 Minotaurs had a great start to the year, with the children carrying out lots of self-led learning about Ancient Greek family life, education and mythology, as well as having the opportunity to make their own model houses using a number of different artistic techniques!



The Eco-Council, Student Council and Sports Council have been newly elected and the children are already hatching plans to enhance our vibrant school. The Eco-Council enjoyed a rather wet visit to the Early Years site, where the YrR children showed off their Eco friendly initiatives and fabulous outside learning environment.

As usual, the children have been putting themselves forward for sporting events, including a Quicksticks Hockey

Tournament at the new Pelicans HC pitch at Lynnsport. They were able to meet and be inspired by **Danny Kerry** the GB hockey manager and coach, whose team won gold at the Rio Olympics. The children also took centre stage in the Lynn News! The Croydon cup football tournament saw Dersingham finish as runners up and the swimming gala was a huge success. Congratulations must go to Edward Murray who came first in breaststroke and smashed the Year 4 record for the Smithdon cluster! Thomas Taylor also won his race, receiving a gold medal.



The school have been delighted to welcome Rev Mark to collective worship and enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration at St Nicholas' Church, which rounded off the half term beautifully. I wonder what will be in store as we bound towards Christmas...? □



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A word from Borough Councillor Judy Collingham

A quieter period on the planning front. The final decision by the Inspector that the Borough can demonstrate a five-year plan has meant that applications for new builds are now able to be dealt with on the basis of this judgment. This in effect means that the Borough can determine where and what it is appropriate to build.

Matters of concern continue to revolve around the Sports Ground with continued incidents of dog fouling and the poor drainage to one corner of the field, which has resulted in flooding to the tennis courts and a virtual quagmire around the container. A meeting with Sandringham and other parties concerned has been requested in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Vandalism around the Church Hall has been reported and I have requested a meeting with the Community Police Officer to discuss this and other security issues. It is a shame when efforts are underway to secure lottery funding to build a new community hall that everyone cannot share in the vision of what our village could be.

On a positive note, I attended the Dersingham Works Breakfast Meeting, and was impressed by the number of businesses there and the positive response to a call for support for the Village Centre. Two inspiring presentations from KickStart – a business which offers inexpensive motor scooters to young people – and Rural Broadband offering “broadband anywhere” in our community. □

News from RESCUE : WOODEN : BOATS at the Maritime Heritage Centre

We are at the end of another successful summer season, having achieved so much, with our restoration of Dunkirk ‘Little Ship’ and former Wells Lifeboat ‘Lucy Lavers’ and have enjoyed a return to normal activities. *Lucy Lavers* has been moored in the harbour at Wells and has been available for trips for individuals as well as for groups of up to 10 people, throughout the summer. “These trips have become very popular”, says our skipper, Nick Groom.

Meanwhile the **Maritime Heritage Centre** at Greenways, Stiffkey NR23 1QF (follow the brown road signs) goes from strength to strength. However, we are now closed for the winter period but plan to re-open for **February half-term and beyond** at weekends and on Bank Holidays from 10am to 4pm.

There is a wealth of information and many artefacts on display illustrating our wonderful coastal heritage, including fishing boats, local characters and their stories, boat-building, ongoing restoration projects plus the history of the former Army Camp on which we are sited, not forgetting the story of lifeboat *Lucy Lavers* and her restoration at Stiffkey. We also have a selection of souvenirs on sale, including books and t-shirts, DVDs, mugs and postcards, proceeds go towards the running costs of our charity.

We are especially looking to recruit a few more volunteers to help staff the Centre – could you spare just 3 hours a month?

No need to be a maritime expert – the displays are mostly self-explanatory – and you will be working alongside other volunteers in our friendly team. Just enjoy chatting to visitors and being involved in promoting our local heritage!

Contact Steph on steph.lickley@btinternet.com or John Wykes on jwjw@johnwykes.eclipse.co.uk or see our website for more details www.rescuewoodenboats.com



Dersingham Methodist Church News from Elizabeth Batstone

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival weekend. We had several boxes of goods for the King's Lynn Food Bank and also raised £300 for the Food Bank from the coffee morning. Our services and lunch were well attended and a cheque for £350 was sent to the charity 'All We Can' to support their work to provide clean water and sanitation in many parts of the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November from 10.00 a.m. to 12noon**, you will be able to buy Christmas gifts, cards, cakes, Fair Trade products, books etc., and also to enjoy coffee, sausage rolls, mince pies and cakes. Funds raised will be for Methodist Missions at Home and Abroad.

Christmas services -

Sunday 18th December 4.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight, followed by tea and mince pies, with the Revd Steve Oliver. (*Please note the time*)

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. Christmas communion, with the Revd Steve Oliver.

Christmas Day 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Service with Jenny Sparks.

We look forward to welcoming you to our services and celebrating this wonderful time of the year.

Our Christmas giving this year is based on 'Extraordinary Gifts' from the charity 'All We Can'. By doing so we hope to light up opportunities, light up futures, light up potential, and light up hope; as we celebrate the extraordinary gift of Jesus, who brought hope, peace, joy and love for us all. □

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A Message from Martha – The extinction of the Passenger Pigeon and its relevance today with Mark Avery

Tuesday 29th November, 7.30pm

Mark Avery is a well-known environmental campaigner. One of his books is the title of this talk. It is 102 years since the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon in the USA. In 50 years it went from a population of billions, the world's commonest bird, to extinction, with the death of Martha - the very last Passenger Pigeon.

No December meeting

BirdTrack with Stephen McAvoy

Tuesday 31st January, 7.30pm

Stephen McAvoy works on BirdTrack for the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology). BirdTrack is an exciting project that looks at distribution of birds across Britain. Stephen will talk about the scheme to which anyone with an interest in birds can contribute. You can use it for your own records and for supporting conservation.

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.



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from Alison Thorne



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Volunteers needed! Jen our Bounce and Rhyme volunteer is leaving us after running the weekly sessions for us for the last few years and she will be greatly missed! We are looking for a few people who might share the role. Please contact Kerry or myself if you feel able to help!

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Thursday 24th November 10.30-12

Learn more about this online directory offering information and advice on money matters, social activities, health, transport and more. Advisors will have mobile technology so that they can show people how to find their way around the online directory to access the support, advice and information that they need.

NEW- Time for Parents - Thursday 8th December from 2-3pm

Whether you're a first time parent or not, whether you're having difficulties with sleeping, feeding, potty training or starting school, then why not join other parents for a cuppa and share your experiences. Library staff can also direct you to other sources of information which you might find helpful!

Tablet helpdesk - Wednesday December 7th and 21st 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.

Tablet course - Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th December 3-6pm

3 x 3 hour course £15 per person for three sessions. Topics covered include: a basic introduction to tablets, using the camera, finding information on the Internet, downloading apps, sending e-mails, downloading library e-books, using Facetime or Skype and social media. Booking essential.

Walkers and Talkers Group - December 15th 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!

Coming in January – new Healthy Libraries activities! We are hoping to run drop-in advice sessions on different topics. If you've got any suggestions – please let us know! □

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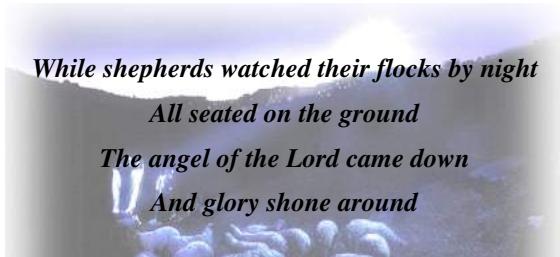


Just a Thought

from Steve Oliver

Christmas has become so Health and safety conscious that the following Carol and its consequences are to be posted near fields of sheep:-

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around*



The union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Shepherds have also requested that due to the inclement weather conditions at this time of year that they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated shepherd observation huts.

Please note, the angel of the lord is reminded that before shining his / her glory all around she / he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

But seriously the shepherds are watching the sheep during the night, when suddenly the darkness was abruptly interrupted by the brilliance of heavenly light. This is exactly what God has done in Christ Jesus. He has interrupted the darkness of our lives with the brilliance of joy.

The sense of the joy the angels felt being able to announce the birth of Christ is obvious. The army of heaven was delighted to tell the story of the birth. You get the sense they could not wait to tell the good news of the peace of God in Christ Jesus. They seemed to be excited about telling that God's presence had entered the world for the purpose of delivering all people from the bondage in which we find ourselves. This sense of joy is caught by the shepherds and is expressed to the world as they leave the place where they found the Christ child.

The shepherds joy is then caught by those who heard them. Everyone who heard the incredible story was amazed. There is a sense of positive emotions at the good news of the Messiah. In addition, there is implied joy in Mary and Joseph that the good news of Jesus is already being told and already changing lives.

The shepherds heard the good news and then chose to go and see for themselves. They decided to take a risk (leaving the sheep unguarded) in order to know for themselves the Messiah had come.

This Christmas ask someone you know to take a risk. Ask them to come and see. Tell them that Christ the Lord is born and can change their lives forever, just as it did the Shepherds.

I will end with the words of the angel to the shepherds: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people." And what is the source of that joy? "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

A very Joyous, Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all. □

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PUZZLES

Word Wall 18 by Philip Neal Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words:

MEDAL	UNHAPPY	SKY	HOLE
NOTE	RING	CAERPHILLY	COBALT
MOSETRAP	BIRCH	BOARD	SURFER
WARE	CAMEMBERT	NAVY	BOURSIN

Brain Teasers by Brian Eldridge



- What two numbers come next in the series below, and on what logic do you base your answer?
16 17 20 22 24 31 100 ? ?
(a clue is in the question).
- Twelve red snooker balls look identical, but one doesn't weigh the same as the other eleven. You have a set of scales (a pan on each side of a central pivot, like the scales of justice). You may only use these scales, and only three times, to weigh the balls you to put in the pans. So, the task is to identify the odd-ball and determine if it is heavier or lighter than the others.
For example: If you put six balls in each pan the scales would tip - unhelpful! And you have only two weighings remaining. Likewise with five balls or less in each pan the scales may or may not tip - unhelpful?

Maze Solution

Answers to last times teasers, 1&2, are on page 74



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The Willy Fluffy-Mouse Trilogy

PART II – “Anyone for tennis?”

or, “Flying Willy Fluffy-Mouse and the Magic Silver Sword”

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Fluffy-Town was where Willy Fluffy-Mouse and his family lived, not in the centre of the town where there were many houses and other buildings but right on the outskirts just before the woods and countryside started again. The house was small and cosy and the Fluffy-Mouse family were very happy living there. Willy and his sister Jenny each had their own bedrooms and like all fluffymouse children these rooms contained what Mummy and Father Fluffy-Mouse could only see as...

Junk!

They might have looked untidy and cluttered to anyone else, but to Willy and Jenny they were full of adventures and exciting escapades, of mischievous secrets that they hoped their parents would never come to know.

Take for instance that old tennis racquet with all the broken strings and the splintered wooden handle. It may look like it belongs in the dustbin, well to anyone who didn't know, it probably would have been thrown away a long time ago, but if you knew that it was magic, well then that would be quite different, wouldn't it? If you knew of the magic all-powerful silver sword that it could turn into it would occupy a place of honour – just as it did in Willy Fluffy-Mouse's room, for it was the very first thing that caught Mummy's eye, and *every time she looked inside!*

One day some time ago Father Fluffy-Mouse had brought home, after work, two tennis racquets and some tennis balls for the children. It was during the school holidays and Willy and Jenny were getting rather bored with absolutely nothing to do at all. Mummy Fluffy-Mouse was looking forward to school starting again but she didn't tell the children that. So, it was quite a joy the next day when Willy and Jenny went out to play, for Mummy Fluffy-Mouse thought she would have some peace and quiet.

The children were really enjoying their game until that is, they lost the ball over the fence. Well they didn't actually lose it, Willy thought he would see just how hard he could hit it and he gave it such an almighty thwack that it shot off into the farmer's field. "Come on" yelled Willy, "I'll find it first!". "No you won't!" shouted Jenny dropping her racquet, as she disappeared, through their secret hole in the hedge. They chased one another between the stalks of golden wheat laughing and giggling all the way. They had left their safe garden far behind and of course, being fluffymouse children they didn't know, or had forgotten, whereabouts the ball had fallen.

Anyway fluffymouse children, as you know, are very prone to day-dreaming. In fact they had completely forgotten all about finding the tennis ball. They were on an adventure of their own. They were great explorers trekking through the grasslands of Africa; their aeroplane had crashed and only they had survived – they were to walk many miles back to civilisation. They were where they wanted to be in their imagination; it was a wonderful world. Grown-up fluffymouse parents never seemed to understand the reality of imagination. As soon as the end of their fluffymouse whiskers turned white, all the imaging magic was gone. Willy and Jenny examined *their* whiskers every day – grey they were, and for now the two were in the middle of a fantastic adventure. In the middle? – No, their adventure was only just beginning...

With the sun blazing high in the sky it was so hot and dry and dusty. The two intrepid explorers doggedly kept on, step after step after step. They were searching for some shade, some shelter where they could rest safely, but there was nowhere to be found, nowhere at all, just miles and miles of deserted savanna and the searing heat. Poor Jenny was near to exhaustion, about to collapse. Willy helped her the next few steps, but he too could not find the will to continue. He gently laid his sister to the ground and laid down beside her – both fell into an exhausted sleep...

There was a cold chill in the air. It caused Willy and Jenny to wake and shiver. There was a damp dewy mist rising and it was getting dark; the stars were beginning to light the twilight sky. Both were concerned as to how they were to get safe home for they did not know where they were, nor which was the correct direction in which to travel. Willy was an ingenious fluffymouse. "I know" he said "I'll divine our way home!". "You'll do what?" asked Jenny. "Look, I'll show you" said Willy. Willy grabbed the stringed end of his tennis racquet and held it flat with the handle pointing straight in front of him.

"Watch" he said as he wished his whisker magic to work. Slowly the handle started to twitch. "You're shaking it Willy" said Jenny, "keep still!". "I am still. It's the wishing magic bringing it to life". Jenny watched amazed as the movements of the racquet became stronger and stronger. "How" she thought to herself "did Willy know about that? He's younger than I am and his whiskers aren't as big nor as grey as mine. How did he know?". Before she could find an answer Willy shouted and shook her back to the present. "Grab my tail!" he called as the racquet spun round to the left and took off like a rocket into the night pulling Willy along behind running as fast as his little fluffymouse legs could carry him. Jenny just managed to grasp his tail as he shot by and was immediately lifted off her feet into the air. Willy's little legs couldn't keep up at this speed, especially with Jenny gripping his tail. So, he leapt into the air, and wished...

It worked! There was the racquet flying along a few feet off the ground. There was Willy holding onto the racquet with outstretched arms, laughing and giggling, really enjoying his wish. And, there was Jenny, at the tail-end, so to speak, holding on for dear life! "Relax" said Willy "it's quite safe. Relax and it will be easy. You wish it as well". Jenny did and found that it was fun. She began to feel completely at home flying through the sky.

But what was going wrong? The racquet began to judder, just like Father Fluffy-Mouse's car when it ran out of petrol. They felt themselves slowing down, slowing down, too slow to fly! "Wish! Wish hard!" Willy yelled to Jenny, but it was no good. The flyers crash-landed into a bush and piled one on top of the other. "Ouch! Ow!" moaned Willy "What went wrong with my wish? I've never had a wish collapse on me like this before.". "I am sorry" said Jenny "I think it was me. I was getting a bit bored with flying, it was fun but I thought of a little pussy cat. It was only a little thought Willy, honest, and it was only a tiny tiny kitten.". Willy did not answer. His eyes were transfixed on something enormous with fierce red eyes that was creeping up behind his sister and towering over her. Grunting and growling, huge white teeth appeared, and...

Instinctively Willy grabbed the racquet and threw it full-force at the beast. He wished, and **wished**, and **wished!** as hard as he could. Immediately there was a blinding blue flash of light and the racquet transformed into a beautiful silver sword, spinning through the air towards the heart of the ogre. With an almighty clang it struck the monster which with a loud moaning and scrunching stopped in its tracks and was silent and dark. "Phew!" thought Willy "That was close". Unexpectedly a man climbed out of the monster with a torch and moved to cutting blades at its front. "How on earth did that tennis racquet get here and destroy my combine harvester?" he said as he pulled out the demolished object and threw it away. "I'll have to get help to repair my machine" and he walked off into the night. Willy managed to find the racquet, and although it was severely broken he hoped it would still work. He and Jenny held it firm and both wished they were safe home. Although the racquet juddered, cough and spluttered, it worked. The journey was a bumpy one, just like being in Father Fluffy-Mouse's jalopy of a car, but magically they found themselves back at home. They never forgot that experience and as you will surely understand, kept the magic silver sword

(or should I say the tennis
racquet with its broken
strings and splintered wooden
handle) in a place of honour
in Willy's bedroom. □



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New Year's Eve at Sandringham, 1892

by Alan Coleby

For thirty years after the death of Prince Albert in 1861, Queen Victoria had hidden herself in seclusion at Osborne House, Windsor Castle or Balmoral. Edward, the Prince of Wales, by contrast, was the very embodiment of sensual excitement and fun, making an extravagant display of his wealth and enjoying travelling between the capitals of Europe, in most of which he had a mistress. This kind of behaviour, so scorned by the Queen, was why she bought him the Sandringham estate in the first place, to get him away from London, where he had been booed and hissed by crowds on many occasions. Princess Alexandra tolerated his lifestyle by behaving always with flawless dignity, seeking solace in the considerable affection of her five children, all of whom called her 'Mother dear'.

Edward made Sandringham hospitable to a glittering social set, who took the trouble to travel up from London, and the estate became a well-known centre of social grace and elegance. Among other things, Edward loved to dance, and Alexandra was certainly a competent partner for him in this respect.

Sandringham hosted many balls throughout the year, and there were three big annual balls, the County, the farmers' and the servants' balls. Edward and Alexandra were able to mix happily with all the social levels.

George told Mary that his father, Edward, had decided to hold a New Year's Eve ball this year. Mary's presence was one reason for it, but mostly it was because he thought it would take everyone's mind off the events of a year ago, when Sandringham was full of illness, and Eddy, George's elder brother, had died of pneumonia. Edward hoped that the New Year, 1893, would be the beginning of a new, happier phase for his family, the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. George asked Mary how she felt about that. He pointed out that it was necessary for the Royal family to be competent in the particular social grace of dancing, as were the Heads of State all over Europe. Mary said that she was not especially good at it, but could follow her way through a dance.

When the post-Christmas shooting parties had left Bachelor Cottage and Park House, for the next two days those buildings filled up with Society people from London, mostly from Marlborough House. Edward had said that he was expecting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Marquess of Milford Haven with Alix of Hesse, Lord Henry Lennox and Gerald Wellesley, the Dean of Windsor. He had also invited Henry Villebois and politicians like Bernal Osborne and Henry Broadhurst. There would be a number of residents and staff from Marlborough House, St James's Palace and Kensington Palace, who would bring news of the latest Society gossip from London. Of the local aristocracy, he hoped the Earl of Leicester would come from his Holkham estate, and Lord Suffield from Cromer. From the Sandringham estate would come equerries, ladies-in-waiting, grooms, gardeners, gamekeepers and foresters.

The next day, 30th December, was busy with arrivals and preparations for the ball, as was New

Year's Eve itself. So many people had been invited that Edward asked if they would assemble at about 8.30 pm in the Saloon, so that he could meet and greet them. The staff at Sandringham knew that Edward would have had all the clocks put back so that everyone knew exactly when it struck midnight: normally, he kept all the clocks half an hour fast, and this was known as 'Sandringham Time'. It was just one of his eccentricities.

On the evening itself, after gathering in the Saloon and meeting the Prince and Princess, everyone proceeded through the two drawing rooms and the dining room, and then round to the ballroom corridor. As they finally entered the ballroom through the double doors, they could see at the far end, a fir tree from the estate, so tall that it almost touched the ceiling. It was decorated with tinsel,



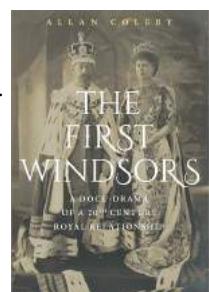
tinted glass balls and many ribbons and twists of coloured paper, all reflecting the glow from candles on the tree itself and the candle-light from around the walls. The band played them in with seasonal music.

Edward and Alexandra took their places for the royal Quadrille, which was the usual opening for all the balls at Sandringham. As the dance got under way, Mary relaxed, smiled, and abandoned herself to the happy atmosphere, the enchanting spectacle of moving silks and tulles and the glint of diamonds, all the while dancing in the strong, supportive arms of George. She hoped that the pendant George had bought her for Christmas was showing to advantage, flashing in the soft, mellow light.

After the quadrille, there was a country dance. When the sides had been made up, Edward and Alexandra set off with their partners, round and round, down the middle and up again, and then the couple on the end led each line round to the other end to begin all over again. The rhythm, the band, the exercise generating heat, and the bonhomie and light-hearted chatter were altogether so exhilarating that Mary allowed herself to be swallowed up by the prevailing ambience and tone. Edward was the life and soul of it. He was all the time sending messages to the band and arranging each dance. The 'Triumph', which came next, was such an exhausting dance that everyone was glad it was followed by another quadrille so that they could have a comparative rest. The Marlborough housekeeper was an elderly lady, and she danced in the old style, holding up her dress in points and dropping a curtsey to her partner each time she came forward. Then the jigs and the Scottish Highland flings kept the pace going so that eventually everyone was only too glad to flop down into the seats to eat the supper. Finally, they all joined hands to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' at midnight.

Mary did not need to tell George how much she had enjoyed it. She glowed with pleasure. What she did say was how impressed she was by the sincerity of the gratitude expressed by the guests and the many 'Goodnight's.

This is an extract from my historical novel, 'The First Windsors', to be published on January 10th 2017. ISBN 978-1-909421-94-3, and can be ordered from any bookshop. □



Answers to Brain Teasers 1&2 from VV 102

1. The first native will always answer "Yes" whether a politician or a non-politician, so the second native is telling the truth & is therefore a non-politician.

If the first native is a politician (a liar) the third native is telling the truth, a non-politician.

If the first is a non-politician (telling the truth), the third is lying, and is a politician.

Hence there is only one politician. It's either the first native or the third.

2. The blind prisoner was correct in saying his hat was white, and gave this explanation...

First it must be understood that if two white hats, or one white hat and one red hat were seen, then the viewer would not be able to tell which colour he wore.

Now there are three possibilities:

i) No red hat was issued (or 3 white hats were on display) - and the sighted prisoners could not tell the colour of their hat. The blind man wore one of the white hats;

ii) Two red hats were issued (with one white hat) - If a red hat was on the blind man's head, one of the sighted prisoners would have seen two red hats and would have known he wore a white hat. But since that did not happen the blind man could not be wearing a red hat. He had the white hat on his head;

iii) One red hat was issued (with two white hats) - Let's again assume the blind man wore the one red hat. The first prisoner (2-eyes) would see one red hat (on the blind man) and one white hat, and be unable to tell the colour of his hat. However the second prisoner (with 1-eye) would see the red hat (on the blind man) and know that the first must have seen a red and a white because the first was unable to tell. Thus because the second could see the blind man's red hat the second would know he wore the white hat. But the second says he cannot tell the colour of his hat! Hence if one red hat was issued it is not on the blind man's head. The blind man must again have a white hat on his head.



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

Christmas is almost nigh. I still yearn to see snow covering all when I pull back my curtains on that special morning. Winters aren't as cold as they used to be but even in the cold, cold mornings of my youth nearly eighty years ago, when ice covered the inside of all the windows with beautiful fern patterns and our teeth clattered in the cold morning until mother got a nice fire roaring in the grate and we slowly began to warm up, I still hoped that Father Christmas had snow for his sleigh and that outside would be covered in a beautiful blanket of white. Dad would have to go up in the loft with a blow-torch to warm up the pipes that had frozen solid – a rather dodgy pursuit, perched with a foot each on slender beams, hoping not to fall through the ceiling, or set fire to the abode. I loved to peer up the loft hatch and see the blue light of the flame as it played over the pipework and thought my Dad was a hero. I was also delighted not to have to wash until the water flowed again!

Father Christmas always managed to get through, snow or no snow, but we children only had small gifts. An orange (a rare occurrence in those days) some nuts perhaps, in the bottom of a sock that had been left dangling from the mantelpiece. Maybe a small toy – a dinky car or an inexpensive doll. It was still an excitement even though we didn't expect much, and knew there would be nothing grand.

Even as a tiddler, I always had plans to be a writer, and one Christmas I received a toy typewriter! I was thrilled, but a little disappointed because it took an age to print anything. There wasn't a proper keyboard, but a dial was on the top that you had to twist round until you got the letter you wanted, so writing 'the book' was out of the question – but it was, nevertheless, a great excitement to receive.

Then, when I had my own children, what a joy saving up my pennies to fill their pillowslips (parents always try to do better for their children than their own childhoods). Nothing expensive, but things like Pelhams puppets and Lego and games like Mousetrap. Remember them? My son had nightmares about wolves (as did I when a child) so I bought him a wolf puppet, thinking it might cure him of his phobia – but it made them worse. He dreamed about being swallowed whole by a wolf. I asked what it was like, and he said, "Like going down a slide, Mummy".

Then, once we moved to Norfolk and lived at the top of a carttrack at Norton Hill, the Salvation Army used to visit us on Christmas Eve, all piling out of the back of a van with their instruments and playing 'Silent Night' with the stars twinkling brightly overhead. Our pets, a sheep, a goat, a horse, five dogs, numerous cats and chickens would wander round to investigate, gazing in awe, and to me it felt like our very own nativity scene. It really was magical.

Such is the stuff of memories. I find myself wandering down Memory Lane more and more often these days. When I forget everyday moments so quickly, my past seems to flood back quite readily. All those nice boyfriends, many of whom are now pushing up the daisies... I look online to see if I can discover any of them, but to no avail...

We've had a funny old year, haven't we. Did summer really ever arrive? I remember it did for a few days and it brought with it a lot of wildly buzzing flies that dive bombed me as I sat with a coffee and a book. In the end, I went out and bought a fly paper. Horrid things that hang curling obscenely from the ceiling, oozing arsenic and glue. Remote Control Man bet me £20 there would only be about five flies at the most in two weeks and I bet there would be at least twenty. Only one fly and four midges alighted on it as the fortnight came to an end. As I only hoover about



once a month, I had noted plenty of fly corpses lying on thier backs with legs stuck up in the air, so I collected them and placed them artistically on the fly paper. Himself noted them and called my bluff. I had been too creative with the arrangement. However, he didn't ask for his twenty quid so I kept quiet about it, threw away the fly paper and gave thanks for the cooler weather.

I've been on a decorating kick. My house hasn't been repainted for eight years and it shows. I just haven't had the energy, and on enquiring of a painter and decorator was told £3,000. I gave him a polite, thanks but no thanks reply and there the grubby walls have remained ever since. But, having been on a diet and health kick, I am feeing quite a lot fitter and able, and have been slowly wending my way through the house with paint brush and roller. True, there is probably more paint on the floor than the walls, and the cutting ins are very wobbly and unprofessional, but it does look a lot cleaner.

I decided that the drying machine in the utility room had to go in the garage (no plug to make it work, so waste of space) so I pulled it out and levered it into the hall. Himself asked what it was doing there. I'm going to put it in the garage, I said. He said, "There is no room", so I said, "well, I shall have to move stuff around then". That was two weeks ago and himself has edged his way around the machine and subsequently ignored it. He is very clever at not seeing things that he doesn't want to see.

This morning, I felt like death, but the sight of the damned machine stuck in the hallway was just too much. I got the wheelbarrow out of the flowerbed where it had been languishing for the whole of the summer, and filled it with some of my candle making equipment that had been cluttering up HIS garage for the past eight years. He had ignored that too. I gamely wheeled it all to my candle shed the other end of the garden, by which time I was totally knackered, and then had to motivate myself to get the machine out of the hallway and into the garage. It's not particularly heavy, but too heavy for an old biddy like me, but women are cleverer than men. We can't use brute force, so have to use knees and hips and push and pull, heave and breath heavily, swear quite a bit as it aids momentum, until eventually said piece of equipment is now in the garage. I couldn't move some really heavy counter tops that were propped up against the wall in order to place the drier where I want it, so have left it strategically placed just inside the door. He will not be amused. But nor was I, at having to move the damn thing on my own. If I had left it in the hallway, it would have been there until we died. Just got it done in time. The heavens have opened and the rain is coming down in stair rods. Our roof leaks and I am fed up with that too.

Moan over, so what can I report that is all light, airy and amusing? Can't think of anything right now, so am going to abandon decorating, housework, all the chores that need attention and curl up with my book and read it to the end. So there.

Later on: I didn't expect Remote Control Man to notice that the drier had disappeared from the hall, but he did, much to my surprise. He complained, because it had been useful to put his bags on!

I've read three books in three days, and begun knitting a Dr. Who scarf for my handsome grandson – at fifteen now taller than me. I've had all the wool for about 50 years (did I ever mention I was a hoarder?) and was actually going to throw it, then thought the long scarf would be fun. The wool looks as good as new and no-one would realise it's antique.

I've got another trip to the dump scheduled for next week. I had loads of perfectly good duvets from my B & B days – I hate throwing good stuff out – and have been steadily going through them for the dog's bed. Sometimes even a wash on extra hot doesn't take the delightful doggy odour away, so I then bin them. However, I have a stack of about six that take up so much space and I am going to be brave and ditch them too. He has now got a posh 'sofa bed' in aubergine corduroy. I needed a double bed in my spare room that is my office most of the time, and saw an inexpensive one online, which I promptly ordered. It is exactly as the photo promised, but apparently built for midgets! Useless as a sofa bed and looks ridiculous, but ace for a posh dog bed. I wish I could learn metric – I still think in feet and inches and could have gauged the size otherwise. Silly me.

Time to go. Have a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all the best for the New Year. □

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Crossword Answers

Across 1. ROSEHIPS 5. AMULET 9. NATIVITY 10. FLAMBE 12. EDDY
13. REPUGNANCE 15. ADESTE FIDELES 19. REVERBERATION 23. WINE CELLAR 25. ECHO
28. EMIGRE 29. ADORABLE 30. SIMPLE 31. SNOWFALL.

Down 1. RINGER 2. SATED 3. HAVE 4. PATIENT 6. MELON 7. LEMON FLAN
8. THE FEAST 11. SURF 14. PEAR 15. ADVENTISM 16. ERR 17. DAIL 18. TRAWLERS
20. ELLS 21. ALADDIN 22. NOWELL 24. CAROL 26. COBRA 27. BREW.

Word Wall

Silver - birch, medal, surfer, ware

Blues - unhappy, navy, cobalt, sky

Cheese - Boursin, Caerphilly, mousetrap, Camembert

Key... - board, hole, note, ring

Sudoku No 51 solution								
3	6	9	5	1	7	4	8	2
2	8	4	3	6	9	1	7	5
7	1	5	8	4	2	9	3	6
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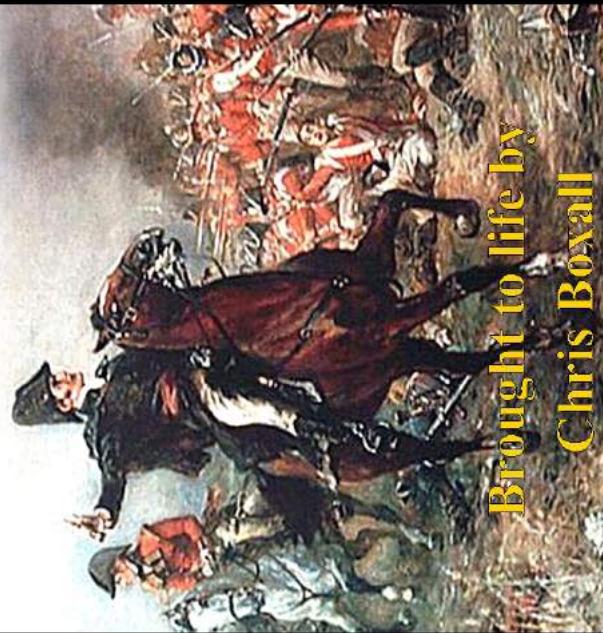
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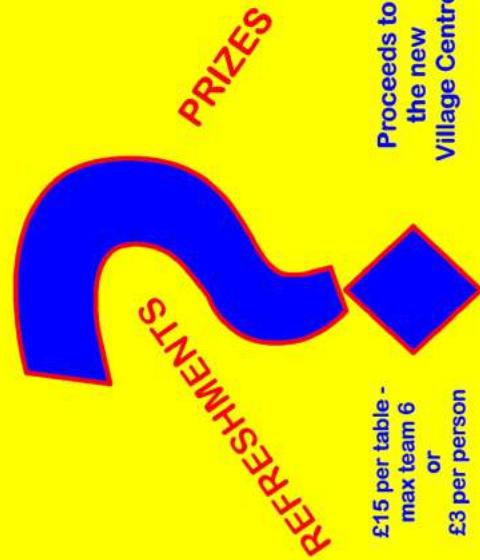
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Tuesday January 3rd

A New Year's Quiz



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£15 per table -
max team 6
or
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TONIGHT we join with the
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