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Editors Notes

by Tony Bubb

So it's summer. We went north for a few days and took in an open air concert with headline act 10cc. As the picture shows we got far more than



10cc's of rain. Both rain and bands started around 3 o'clock and as the music got louder the rain got wetter.

Even with complimentary ponchos and umbrellas we got saturated. Still it was in a good cause - raising money for the recent flood victims.

It was much sunnier when we visited Gordale Scar near Malham on the way home. Little prepares you for the awesome sight of overhanging cliffs when you turn the corner at the end of the path. Well worth a look.

The Open Gardens event went well again though numbers of visitors were a little down, probably due to the weather. However the organisation was much

better than other such events that we tried out. Ely's event was virtually unsigned and the map less than helpful being just a blur. The gardens were very good and they deserved better especially as it was an NGS event.

Congham was a delight once you found the start. There are some very big trees in Congham which were good for sheltering under. Also included was a visit to the Vineyard with the opportunity to buy some wine after a generous tasting - yum!

Time passes quickly when you are having fun and it is once again time for the 2016 edition of Dersingham Data to be produced - deadline August 1st, so if your club, organisation or society has a listing please bring it up to date, if it is not listed please send in details. This is your shop window so do make the entry inviting and not just "Flower plucking, Saturdays 7.30, in the crypt" - just an example, please don't turn up with expectations all you flower pluckers.

As usual there is lots to read but a few less pictures this time. We love your pictures so do send some if you are contributing.

We have a new storyteller this time with a tale about badgers for our younger readers. If you have a story to tell please send it in as we do like a bit of fiction.



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Dear Village Voice

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



We've recently moved into the house on the corner of Chapel Road and Fern Hill, and are busy taming the garden. When my industrious in-laws stripped ivy off some trees at the weekend we found the attached plaque. The inscription reads "Marjorie Doris Isobel Clark - Leslie Violet Hart". There are no dates, and it's not in what I'd describe as a commemorative position, being



approximately 7 feet off the ground, small and plain and turned away from the house and the path. I wondered if any of your readers could shed light on these ladies, what became of them and why there's a plaque to them in my garden? Ideas to katenorman2009@gmail.com, please. □

Kate Norman



On looking at past issues on my iPad I spotted the elephant walking past Linford's shop on the way to Hunstanton.

My father was Rowland Linford, and I can remember him telling my brother and me that the elephant refused to go past the shop until he came out with an apple for him. This happened every year until the war. No way could his handler make him budge till he got his apple. It's obviously true that elephants never forget!

Thanks for the interesting magazine which keeps me in touch.

Anne Hawkes nee Linford

On Sunday, 26th June Dersingham Allotment Association held its annual open day. After a damp start the weather was kind to us and we raised the fantastic sum of £887. This amount is to be donated to local charities. I would like to thank everyone who turned out to support us on the day and also to thank all allotment holders and friends who helped before and on the day.

Once again thank you to everyone who supported us enabling us to raise such a fantastic amount.

Shirley Eldridge, Secretary, Dersingham Allotment Association

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Parish Council Report

by Sue Payne



Silica Sand

The Parish Council has been spending a lot of time on responding to Norfolk County Council's consultation on potential sites for the production of Silica Sand. One of the areas being looked at is land West of the A149 between Dersingham and Snettisham. There are a lot of concerns (dust, health, noise, traffic, effect on the landscape and its wildlife, tourism) among residents of Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe & Snettisham and other villages nearby. The public meetings held recently attracted large numbers of people. The petition has been presented to Norfolk County Council, and we await their response. For more information on local opinion, visit www.waspinfo.co.uk or call in to the Parish Council office.

The full consultation document can be found on the County Council's website www.norfolk.gov.uk

Events

The Parish Council is organising, with the Sports Ground Management Committee, a Fun Day on September 18th. See the advert in this edition, put the date in your diary, and come along to support village organisations.

Also, we have organised two weeks' activities for children, starting on July 25th. Details will be sent to schools before the end of term. You can also contact the Parish office for more information.

Dersingham Village Centre

We have had to change the design of the building in order to comply with concerns raised by Historic England, and the latest plan is with the Borough Council.

Our application to Big Lottery is at Stage Three and we were delighted to be awarded a Development Grant towards the costs of appointing an architect to draw up detailed plans, obtain detailed costs from a Quantity Surveyor, carry out other surveys, and Building Control fees. The latest estimated cost for the project is in the region of £865,000.

We are working with the Dersingham Centre Association on the Business Plan and fundraising activities. Please support this project in any way you can. The new Centre will bring much-needed services to the village to help young people succeed, reduce loneliness and improve health and well-being among older members of the community in and around Dersingham.

With regards to funding, we have some monies ring-fenced in our Reserves, and have applied for just over £500,000 from Big Lottery, but there will be a not insignificant shortfall. We will be applying to other grant-making bodies and may have to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board. The Parish Council will be moving its office to the new Centre, and will not pay rent or



room hire while servicing any loan, so costs to the council-tax payer will be minimal if any. Please support this project by taking part in fund-raising activities and initiatives; further details are in David Collingham's article in this issue of Village Voice.

A large print of the latest design is available to see at the Parish Council office.

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

Details of Full Council and Committee meetings in 2016 can be found in the Parish Office window and our notice boards at the Library, opposite Budgens, at Thaxters, and at the Recreation Ground, by the bus stop.

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

Dersingham Works

The Parish Council, with the Dersingham Village Centre Association, recently hosted a business breakfast with local employers. The Skills Service co-ordinated the event and Swains International kindly sponsored the breakfast.



The main topics were apprenticeships and preparing young people for employment.

A further event will be held in the Autumn, where we hope to discuss the barriers facing local employers and prospective employees, and to build better links between local schools and business.

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Since the last article the weather has been decidedly changeable with a mix of sunshine, showers, heavy rain and wind. This has affected some of our survey work and made it much trickier to plan surveys such as butterfly and dragonfly monitoring.

Nightjars now have a massive presence on the site and the distinctive churring of the male birds can be heard throughout the site. The weather has reduced the number of survey visits we have made but from the surveys we have done it is estimated that we have between 18 and 20 churring male Nightjar. We undertake nest monitoring of Nightjar and surprisingly many of the pairs have managed to get their nests and young through the weather in late May. Nightjar can be seen on any warm nights between late May and the end of August. There is quite a lot of activity at the moment as the male birds are interacting with each other. If you are lucky when you are visiting you will hear a strange clapping noise as the male interacts with other birds in the area, this is known as a wing clap and is a very distinct noise on the heath when Nightjars are on site.



The team on site have been concentrating on spraying the rhododendron regrowth across the heath and bog areas to prevent it from re-growing, spreading and shading out the vulnerable plant communities on the site. Given the size of the reserve this is quite a task and involves walking across the whole site with a knapsack sprayer and spot spraying the individual young rhododendron seedlings. If this wasn't done the rhododendron would completely out-compete many of the important species on the site and would reduce the available habitat for many of the insects and birds that are associated with the site.

The Stonechat on site are doing very well and more pairs seem to be appearing as the season goes on. We now have 13 territories on site which is an increase of three on 2015. Most of these managed to miss the bad weather at the end of May but a couple of nests were flooded out by the rain. We are continuing our colour ringing project this year and have so far added colour rings to 44 Stonechat. Members of staff and volunteers from the North Norfolk Ringing Group are trained

bird ringers under the BTO ringing scheme who carry out the colour ringing on site. Colour ringing the Stonechat allows us to monitor individual birds throughout their life without the need for recapturing them and over the last five years of the stonechat colour ringing project we have had birds move from Dersingham Bog NNR to the Brecks near Thetford, Roydon Common and Hunstanton Golf club. Sightings of these birds are valuable and if anyone sees any colour ringed birds on site please drop me

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Not so old picture corner

By Tony Bubb

Released in 1985 *Revolution* was possibly one of the worst films of all time. Filmed largely in King's Lynn the sets, shown here in some snaps taken by Mollie Bailey, were probably the best part of the film. It did, however, provide quite a lot of work for locals as extras – were you one?

Towering above the “warehouses” are the old grain silos, now done away with in King's Staithe Square.



Rainbows go from Farm to Fork at Tesco



The 1st Dersingham Rainbows got a behind-the-scenes tour of Tesco Hunstanton when they visited to take part in a Special Girlguiding Farm to Fork trail. Once they were kitted out wearing a Tesco "Tabard" they explored the store rooms and giant walk in fridges and freezers, which were very cold! The girls were then given a basket and a shopping list and challenged

to find 6 different fruit and veg, as these were all healthy foods. They tried lots of different cheeses and breads and



were given the chance to feel the different fish and learn their names at the fish counter. At each stage they had quiz questions to fill in about where different foods come from and how they grow. All the girls received a Farm to Fork Badge and a Tesco Goody bag containing recipes and activities they could try at home. The girls and leaders had a



lovely time and really enjoyed themselves□

1st Dersingham Rainbows Summer Outing to Church Farm

The 18th June saw the 1st Dersingham Rainbows head to Church Farm at Stow Bardolph for their big Summer coach outing.

Church Farm is a wonderful place for the Rainbows to explore as they are able to get up close to all the different animals; sheep, goats, lots of pigs, horses, donkeys and chickens. They explored the outer edges of the farm via a tractor and trailer ride - at one point stopping to feed a pig with carrots. The Rainbows were also able



to help groom a donkey, named Treacle, but the highlight of the day is watching the Pig Racing. They have twelve piglets chasing a staff member rattling a bucket of food, although some of pigs preferred to stop and eat the grass rather than run for their food!

As well as enjoying a picnic lunch, the Rainbows were able to play on the both the indoor and outdoor play areas and cause mayhem driving the pedal tractors around and around.



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Burnham Market Events

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Burnham Market Craft Fair, which is now its 40th year, will be held on **Saturday 20th August**.

This popular event is entirely run by local volunteers, with stallholders contributing 10 per cent of their takings to local good causes.

This year's craftspeople have been selected from nearly 200 applications and have been hand-picked for quality and variety. Traditional, local and regional crafts will be displayed alongside items by local artists, designers and artisans on over 100 stalls in the centre of the village, on the greens, from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Stalls include original art, jewelry, plants, textiles, ceramics, cards, woodwork, pottery, basketwork, sculpture, furniture, glassware, photography, aromatherapy, leather-craft, metalwork and more.

A traditional **Hog Roast**; **face-painting** and a **Punch and Judy Show** will entertain children throughout the day. With several refreshment stands, plus tea and cakes at St Mary's Church, Westgate and of course, the permanent good eateries and specialist shops that make up this charming and attractive village.

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Dersingham Methodist Church by Elizabeth Batstone



Dersingham Methodist Church was filled with colour, fragrance and beauty at our recent annual Flower Festival, to celebrate the Church's 126th anniversary. The theme 'Have you heard the story about' was intriguing to many, especially those who had expected this to be about well-known stories not Bible parables. But as many who attended said 'we love your Church flower festival because it's always Bible based'. And Bible based it was with arrangements such as the Good Samaritan, the pearl of great price, the lost son, the lost coin, all depicted in flowers. One of the most eye catching displays was the lost sheep done by year 1 children of Dersingham Primary School with numerous multi-coloured sheep made from cardboard tubes and wool! The children opened the Festival on Thursday morning with songs, readings and prayers. The Reception class entertained us on Friday morning with the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in words and songs.

Revd Kim Nally took the morning service on the theme and mentioned several other parables we had not depicted in flowers. We raised, after expenses, £2,469.94. £500 of this has been donated to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, which is staffed by volunteer doctors and paramedics to provide emergency care. At the Songs of Praise service on Sunday evening we were joined by the Vicar and members of St Nicholas Church, the collection raised £201 for Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders).



Just a thought..... from Steve Oliver

'if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land' (2 Chronicles 7: 14)

The last few months and especially the result from the European Referendum has thrown people and the country into turmoil. The democratic vote has been decided and the country will no longer be part of the European Union. For good or bad there is now no turning back.

My biggest concern is that this whole referendum has opened a Pandora's Box that is unlikely to be closed any time soon. The hate and anger from people from both sides of the divide has shocked me. The dreadful letters and messages being sent to people who have come into Britain over the past years is a terrible indictment on what our country is becoming.

The bible passage I began this thought with is important for us now as our land truly does need healing. The division between neighbours, towns, cities and politicians must not be ignored. There is nothing wrong with differences in opinions; there is nothing wrong in people having a different view in which direction the country should go, but it cannot continue in such a divisive way. Jesus said "love your neighbour as yourself" and "love one another as I have loved you". He said this to his disciples as he knew there would be differences of opinions between them. He knew that because of the divide between neighbours, such as the Samaritans and Jews, loving one's

neighbour was the only way to deal with differences of religion and politics. The words that Jesus used were so simple and yet profound that they are as relevant to us now as they were then. Learning to love one another and our neighbour surely cannot be beyond us, and it is the Church which must now stand up for these ideals.

Whether we believe it or not we are all God's people and he desperately wants the best for us and to heal a divided land and a divided people.

The way forward for our country has been decided by a vote; let us now heal it through prayer and a searching for a new way forward, a way that can only be found through listening to one another, respecting each others views, a willingness to offer the hand of friendship and says our God:-

'if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land'□

Dersingham Institute Bowls Club **from Helen Young**

The season is well underway and, although we have had to endure playing in some very cold and soggy conditions, to date only one league match has had to be cancelled.



On Sunday 15 May we held an internal match in aid of our chosen charity for this year, the East Anglia Air Ambulance. The event raised a total of £325. 20 and we would like to thank the following local businesses for sponsoring our raffle: Budgens, Cutting Crew, Sandringham Estate, Silk Road, Spar and Thaxters. We will continue to raise money until the end of the season when we will present a cheque to the Charity for the final amount.

On Thursday 23 June Club members, past and present, gathered at the Crematorium and afterwards at the Bowls Club to celebrate the life of Jean Murrell who sadly passed away earlier in the month. Jean was a stalwart of the Club for almost

30 years and was responsible for much of the fundraising which enabled members to build a new clubhouse in 1996. Newer members learned that



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Dersingham Walking Group

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

At the time of writing I've just led one of those walks which could have been the stuff of a walks leader's nightmare. Driving up to Thornham for our evening walk in late May, the rain was pelting down relentlessly and I doubted that any other walkers would venture out. But, to my pleasant surprise, six hardy souls braved the elements and at five minutes before the start time the rain stopped and we had a very pleasant evening. It just goes to show that you must never try and second guess the British weather. Let's hope that summer really is here now!

New Leaders Wanted!

If you would like to lead a walk yourself, we are currently looking to increase our team of leaders. The group is a friendly one and there is plenty of help available in planning the walks to be done. All walks have a leader and a back-marker so the responsibility is shared. For more information, please get in touch with the group coordinator Stephen Martyn on 01485 541333 or email stephenmartyn@gmail.com

Details of our next walks are:

Wednesday 27th July 6.00pm

Starting point: Old Dersingham railway station, Station Rd.

Grid ref: TF 680 307 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

A classic Dersingham and Ingoldisthorpe circuit. The old railway track, then up to the dizzy heights above the village. There should be some good views over the Wash to Lincolnshire.

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333

Wednesday 10th August 2.00pm

Starting point: Brancaster church.

Grid ref: TF 772 438 Length of walk: 4.5 miles.

The Peddars Way and the coast near Titchwell feature in this afternoon walk.

Leader: Elizabeth Fiddick 01485 540940

Wednesday 24th August 2.00pm

Starting point: Green Bank track off Ringstead to Holme road.

Grid ref: TF 707 420 Length of walk: 6 miles.

A downhill and uphill walk. Down to Holme by one route and back up again by another.

Leader: Cliff Jordan 01485 541115

Wednesday 14th September 2.00pm

Starting point: Great Massingham village green.

Grid ref: TF 798 230 Length of walk: 4 miles.

A mosey around the Massinghams, two charming villages in rural Norfolk.

Leader: Pat Reed 01485 540757

Wednesday 28th September 2.00pm

Starting point: Brays Pit duck-pond, Heacham.

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

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

Leader: Stephen Martyn 01485 541333



You can see the full walks programme on our page at the new 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 □

Sandringham Newsletter

By Helen Walch

On the Farm, sowing of spring cereals, organic onions and non-organic vining peas was completed in May. There should be a crop of around 500 tons of peas which are grown under contract for freezing, and when the time comes they will need to be harvested, delivered and frozen inside 2 hours. Some of the Estate's organic land is being used this year to raise and fatten organic pigs. Elsewhere, organic cereal crops have been weed harrowed several times, and Farm staff are now carrying out routine maintenance on roads and tracks.

Gardens staff completed their spring pruning, which has produced fresh growth on shrubs across the Gardens. Dahlias are now well up in the North End Garden and the Walled Garden and lawn mowing is once again a daily task. Fifty plants of a new rose called "Sandringham", which is deep pink and heavily scented, have been planted on the West Terrace. Moorhen chicks appeared on the lakes in the Gardens alongside the ducklings and goslings, and swifts and house martins returned in numbers to build nests in their usual places on walls and under eaves of houses across the Estate.

Members of the Sandringham Flower Show committee and of the Sandringham Women's Institute travelled to London in June to take part in the Patron's Lunch held as part of Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations.

At the Visitor Centre, some additional activities were added to the adventure play area,

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1st Dersingham Guides Wonderland Adventure

by Elizabeth Wheeler

The May half term saw the 1st Dersingham and 1st Snettisham Guides head to Eaton Vale Scout & Guide Activity Centre for an Alice in Wonderland themed camp. Despite a very damp start and the weather being slightly chilly, all the girls had leaders had a very enjoyable time.

On the first evening, the Guides built their Patrol washing up stands out of wood using square and snake lashing and lots of string, as well as creating a Patrol shield - White Rabbits, Cheshire Cats & Mad Hatters.

Each morning they

rolled their beds into bedding rolls before Inspection and throughout the day each Patrol had different duties to ensure the smooth running of the camp. These duties included fetching wood, filling the water carriers and helping to prepare the meals. On the last evening everyone helps to clean the pots and pans as these get very dirty because we cook using wood-fuelled altar fires.

Eaton Vale provides many different activities, so the girls enjoyed Backwoods cooking - cooking without utensils as you would in the back of beyond, Orienteering - exploring Wonderland, Kayaking, Climbing and Archery.

During the camp they made many crafts, linked to our Alice in Wonderland theme - Mad Hatter's Hats, Shrink art charm bracelets, Sand Art "Drink Me" Potions. They also baked jam tarts using a camp cardboard box oven and enjoyed a back-to-front day, when everything was

not quite how it should be. On that day we had

lunch for breakfast and had breakfast for lunch and later on ate our pudding before our evening meal main course. We also played lots of silly games; Cheshire cat beetle, croquet, caterpillar tunnel ball and parachute games. We also had a Mad Hatter's Tea party and enjoyed a campfire with songs and toasted Mega marshmallows.

Everyone achieved their Wonderland Challenge badge and those on their first camp gained their camper



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Charity Golf Day

The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House is looking for avid golfers to play at their 6th annual charity Golf Day on Friday 10th June at Heacham Manor Golf Club.

The day includes a breakfast roll and hot drinks on arrival, an 18-hole game of golf at “Norfolk’s most exciting new club” as praised by ‘Club Golfer’ magazine, a two course meal at the award winning Mulberry Restaurant, and all players will automatically be entered into the straightest drive and nearest pin competition to win some fantastic golf prizes!

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There will also be an opportunity to take home some fantastic prizes in the silent auction including: a one-week all-inclusive holiday to Cape Verde, a barista training course, a round of golf at Dunston Hall Hotel, a Gin experience, a Swedish massage and much more.

The entry for members of the public is £180 per team of four.

To register your team, please visit The Norfolk Hospice website at www.norfolkhospice.org.uk or call the Fundraising



THE NORFOLK HOSPICE TAPPING HOUSE

Charity Golf Day

Friday 10th June 2016
Heacham Manor Golf Club

A Fourball team AM-AM, Strokeford Competition, Full Handicap, Min. 25, Ladies 56

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£180 per team of four

The day will include:
Tee off times from 10am • Hole in one competition
Breakfast roll & hot drinks on arrival
Two course meal • Auction • More great prizes

To register please contact the Fundraising Team on:
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Sunday 24th July 2016

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Meet at Houghton Hall from 9.00am for registration, then motor down to Raynham Hall, and then drive on to Holkham Hall for the Concours d'Elegance and the judging.

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Entry fee £20.00 per vehicle, for full details please go to: www.norfolkhospice.org.uk

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We would like to thank the following for all their help and support in making this event possible: The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, Phoenix, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 4HH

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The Norfolk Choral Fellowship

Saturday 30th July

A Concert by The Norfolk Choral Fellowship on Saturday 30th July at 7.00pm at St. Nicholas Church, Dersingham in aid of The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

A mixed choir around 36 strong will sing a selection of spiritual and secular songs with one or two solo instrumental pieces included too. The performance includes a Prayer and a 'Pause for Thought' based on a Bible passage.

The Norfolk Choral Fellowship was established in 2003 to enable singers from around Norfolk to enjoy music making and fellowship together.

The members of the group are either active or retired musicians in The Salvation Army, and those with strong affiliation to the organisation.

Tickets cost £4, please call 01485 601701, or visit www.norfolkhospice.org.uk. Or entry on the door is £5. These prices include tea/coffee & biscuits at the end of the Concert.

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Live Music with The Centre stage Swing Band

Saturday 20th August

7.30pm – 10.00pm

The Centre Stage Swing Band will be performing an array of live music including classic covers from Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie at St Nicholas Parish Church in Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1EQ.

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Saturday 10th September

7.30pm

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Quiz Night

Register of Electors

This year's annual registration exercise will be taking place from August onwards with publication of a revised Register of Electors following on 1st December.

The first part of the registration process is the issue of a Household Enquiry Form. This will be pre-printed with the names of anyone currently registered and a reply is needed regardless of whether or not any changes need to be made. Anyone whose name does not appear on the form and is aged 16 or over needs to be added and anyone no longer there deleted. The form will not itself register anyone new to an address; instead they will be sent an individual registration form.

The Electoral Registration Officer would very much appreciate householders' co-operation in returning the Household Enquiry Form as quickly as possible. A prompt response to any individual registration forms issued would also be helpful. Online registration is now available at www.gov.uk/register tovot e and only takes a few minutes. If anything is unclear, householders or individuals can contact the **Electoral Helpline on 01553 616773**.



Dick Melton from Sunny Hunny

It's a dull old day and it's a bit cold for the time of year, so I thought I would make a start on writing my bit for the August (101) issue of the Dersingham Village Voice.

Folly House

There are round about 5,000 people living in Dersingham. I just wonder how many of you know where Folly House is. Well, it is in the parish of Sandringham about one mile from Sandringham House, just off the A149. It cannot be seen from the A149 but, going from Dersingham, if you turn left at Wolferton cross roads, then up the hill turn left onto the Queen's Drive, there it is hidden in the trees. It was built not long after the Prince of Wales [the future Edward VII – ed.] moved into Sandringham House. It was built in this spot because from the balcony at the west end of the house you have one of the finest views on the estate: in one direction you can see the spire of Snettisham Church; then look to your left a bit there is the great expanse of the waters of The Wash; and there in the distance can be seen St Botolph's Church (Boston Stump) in Boston, Lincolnshire.

By 1904 Folly House had been turned into a miniature museum, having in it a beautiful little canary coloured parrot which was one of the Queen's pets, a fine head of a bison, some cases of brilliantly plumaged foreign birds and many sporting trophies which belonged to and were prized by the late Duke of Clarence. There was also the head of a tiger that was killed by the Prince of Wales when it sprang upon the howdah of an elephant he was riding when in India. I would imagine that all these trophies and the parrot have long gone as Folly House has been let out for many years. If you go a few yards along the Queen's Drive past Folly House there is a large viewing platform from which, on a clear day, you can get a good view across The Wash. Then, just a bit further along the drive, is a large steel television booster mast that I am sure was not there in the long off days when Folly House was built.

The Riches Family

Carol Samms asks if there are any members of the Riches family left in Dersingham, which I am sure there is, as I know one or two of them. So I thought I would have a look back to see when people by the name of Riches first came to Dersingham.

I am sure the name of Riches in the village goes back hundreds of years but the first I could find was in 1845, when there was a John Riches who was a farmer and rabbit dealer. Then in 1883 there was James Riches, who was a wheelwright. In 1929 I came across Ernest James Riches, the boot mender, who must have been one of the most well known people in the village - he certainly was when I was a boy. I have in my drawer a 1965 King's Lynn Blue Book, which is an alphabetical list of residents and trades in the King's Lynn and West Norfolk area. In there I found 13 Riches families living around the village, but in the 1974 edition this number had dropped to nine families.

Other families that were very numerous around Dersingham in 1965 were: Nurse, 15 families; Lines 12; Brown 12; Asker 8; and Cross 8. I am sure there are many members of these families still about in and around the village.

John Denver memorial

Two people were having a ride around West Norfolk when they decided to stop and have a look over Wolferton Warren and Dersingham Fen. Whilst sitting on a seat overlooking the warren they noticed a brass plaque on the back of the seat in memory of John Denver. The people sitting on the seat thought, well, the only John Denver they could think of was an American singer, but why would there be a seat here in the wilds of Norfolk in his memory, thousands of miles from his homeland.

So they made a few inquiries and found out that the seat and plaque had been put there by British members of the John Denver Appreciation Society, but why here at Wolferton Warren? Well, he was very well known as an environment activist who liked peace and quiet and all wildlife, so it was decided that this would be the ideal place for a memorial to him.

John Denver was born on the 31st of December 1943; his full name was Henry John Deutschendorf; he was a singer, song writer and actor; he came to England on tour twice; and he had one number one hit in the British charts, and that was *Annie's Song*. John Denver was killed in a plane on the 12th of October 1997 at the age of 57; he was the pilot of the plane and the only person on board.

Dersingham sea cliffs

I was looking at an article about Dersingham commons, the fen and Wolferton Warren when I came across the mention of Dersingham sea cliffs! Spent nearly an hour scratching my head because I had never heard of these cliffs. The nearest sea cliffs to Dersingham are eight miles away at Hunstanton. Then I done a bit more research and I think I might have come up with the answer.

Over four hundred years ago the sea came right up to the village and it covered the fen, so I thought that maybe this was what the hills on the fen were called, but then I came up with a better explanation. Just north of Wolferton Station there was a sand hill, then in 1862 the King's Lynn to Hunstanton railway was built, so the engineers made a cutting through this sand hill for the railway line to run and from that day it was always known as Wolferton Cutting as it is in the parish of Wolferton. It's about two miles from the sea, but if you stand on the top of the cutting you do have a good view of The Wash. In my younger days it was always a good habitat for sand martins, many of them nesting there as they also did in the old Dersingham sandpit just near Sandpit Cottages (George Pratt Roundabout).

The cycle track

In the 1950s when I was a lad one of the sports that was going on around the country was cycle speedway, so myself, Bernie Twite and others who lived at our end of the village decided to build a track on the Shut-up common. In those days there were no birch trees there till you got to the stream - it was mostly grass and brakes (bracken) - so we set about building one. We had no trouble in getting bikes, as the dump was just up the road with plenty of old bikes. There were many tracks and clubs in the Norwich area,

where they had a league. We were not in that but we certainly had a lot of fun on that track. If you walk across the Shut-up-common towards Dersingham woods you can still see some of the remains of the old track there sixty years or so after it was first built. Well that's about all for this month, Spring has gone, I must have missed it and Summer is on its way or so them posh weather girls tell us. I would rather tell the weather by my seaweed or fir cones, they are much more reliable, all the best for now.□

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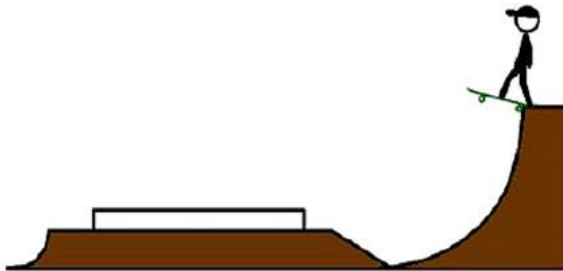
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The May meeting had an interesting talk on sheep dogs, training dogs and problem dogs by Gerry Foster. She has been devoted to sheepdogs and trials for a long time and gave up her 'real job' a long time ago to concentrate on the training and competing of sheep dogs. We were told far more of the details of sheep dog trials, the course, the whistles and commands and the training. We will certainly watch the trials we see on TV with more knowledge than before.

The June meeting saw the very talented Rachel Duffield return. This time dressed as Edith Cavell. She gave us an interesting talk on the life of Edith interspersed with appropriate music. We all know of her work for the Resistance and untimely, cruel death but not so much of her life before. As the daughter of a vicar she had strong religious views and spent her life with a desire to serve others. After spending five years as a governess she trained in nursing. At the time ambulances were horse drawn and the main 'cure-all' was brandy! She went to Brussels to run a hospital and nursing school where she worked during the war. The rest, as they say, is history. At that meeting we held our own celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. Pat Emsden had made a very beautiful and very, very tasty cake for the occasion. The members came dressed in red, white and blue or purple with many wearing crowns. We toasted the Queen with a drink and the delicious cake.



Diann hosted a coffee morning and Jean had her first coffee morning both of which were well supported and much enjoyed.

St. Nicholas Church held a display of the village over the last 90 years. We were asked to take part so Peg and Wendy mounted a display of the Dersingham WI over the last 90 years.

The knitting (MAD), craft, crochet and Fit 'n' dancin' groups have continued to flourish. The groups are guided by Stephanie, Babs, Gilly and Peg who generously devote their time and skills for their groups' enjoyment and knowledge. Well done all of you and thanks.

Babs led the walking group from Snettisham War Memorial across the bypass and into the woods. This was a circular walk and when we returned we enjoyed a coffee at the Victoria pub



before heading home.

The ever Inventive Wendy has organised more very interesting visits followed by lunch! She took a group to Sandringham House and gardens where, after touring the house, gardens and museum, lunch was enjoyed at the Visitor Centre. This outing was followed by the group going to

Dersingham Library News

From Alison Thorne



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Wednesday: 10-1pm 2-5pm

Thursday: 10-1pm 2-7.30pm

Saturday: 10-1pm

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

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

Knit and natter - Thursdays 10.30-12

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

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

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

Community Summer Read

Not sure what to read this summer? Then why not join in our library community read?

We have chosen three very different books...

The Truth and Other Lies by Sascha Arango, The Ice Twins by S K Tremayne and What Milo saw by Virginia MacGregor

The read will launch on Thursday 14th July and will run until the end of August. Simply pick up the books from the library and tell us what you think!

Brave New Reads close – Monday 18th July 6-7pm

Tried any of the 6 chosen reads? Come along to our last night and share your views with others.

Walk and talk book club – Tuesday 19th July 10.30-12

If you are new to walking and want to start with a gentle 1.5-2 mile walk around the village, then please join us. You can also find out more about longer health walks in West Norfolk.

The Enormous Crocodile Wednesday 3rd August 2.30-4pm

Come along and hear the tale of the enormous crocodile, make a BEWARE of the CROCODILE poster, build a crocodile trap and more. Tickets are £3 per child and booking essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Esio Trot Wednesday 10th August 10.30-12

Help make a giant tortoise, learn everything there is to know about tortoises and hear extracts from Esio Trot. Tickets are £3 per child and booking essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Wednesday 17th August 10.30-12

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Roald Dahl Fun Morning Wednesday 24th August 10.30-12

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We've had a Patronal Feast day Mass and lunch on 27th June at Hunstanton and the very popular Strawberry fair at Dersingham on Saturday 2nd July. Then we had an open day at the parish church in Hunstanton on Saturday 9th July to enable locals and visitors to see the refurbished church and the new kitchen and toilet facilities and the function room. The next event to look forward to will be the parish barbecue at Hunstanton on 6th August starting at 12.30. We hope for an afternoon of good company, good food and drink and good weather.

The 4th September will be one of the biggest fundraisers for the parish, the sponsored walk. It's not too onerous and children and dogs are welcome to walk with us. If you're unable to do the walk then please consider sponsoring someone, forms will be available beforehand. Bishop Alan Hopes has started a Diocesan wide fundraising initiative called 'Alive in Faith'. Some parishes have already started and our parish will become involved in August. The three main aims are to provide funds to support Seminarians and retiring or sick clergy, to provide for local needs of

individual parishes and programs of outreach to help those who are most vulnerable in our communities. We are asked to learn about the key priorities for the Diocese and the local parish and we are invited to consider making a gift or pledge. Bishop Alan also asks for our prayers for the success of our endeavors.

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 Our Lady & St Edmund Parish Church, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton.

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Bruce the Badger

Brian Eldridge

Bruce the badger poked his nose out of the sett one chill spring morning. The mist hung over the woodland and the sun was sparkling through the trees. Bruce moved out into the clearing sensing that it was safe, looking for breakfast.

"It's cold this morning" he thought "I'll fluff up my fur coat to keep warm, until the sun gets stronger." Off he went down the badger run to the pond glistening in the sunlight for a drink and an early morning wash. "Even the water is freezing - I'm going for a jog to warm myself up." And that's just what Bruce did. The badger run goes all the way round the badgers' woodland home. Bruce would check it each night to make sure there were no intruders who might harm him or his wife and family.

Yes! Bruce had a wife, her name was Betty, and he had two children; a boy called Cark and a baby girl called Penelope. While Bruce was doing the morning round, Betty his wife would be getting the children up out of bed and tidying up their sett home.

Bruce was warming up now as he trotted around his estate. He glanced at the trees and birds, the dew-soaked leaves and toadstools, and soon arrived panting at the next checkpoint where he would leave his scent marker.

Something was wrong. Someone or something had recently passed this way - was it a friend or foe? Bruce was unsure and decided to track the stranger down. He quietly, carefully, sniffed and followed the stranger's trail keeping his eyes staring ahead until he saw a greyish shape shuffling ahead. Bruce made for the undergrowth and moved through the forest, getting closer and closer, until he could see more clearly. The intruder was a man, an old man with white hair, slightly bent and using a stick to walk with. Bruce couldn't decide if the man was friendly; his instinct told him not to trust any human. The man stopped, silent, and slowly turned round. Bruce stopped, motionless. He dare not move for the man would see him and know there were badgers in the wood.

The man's eyes looked through the bushes and met Bruce's eyes staring back! "Don't be afraid little one. My name is Sam. I won't harm you. All animals are my friends." He had a certain kind manner in his eyes, there was no hate in his voice. Bruce was relieved on the one hand but still also very uneasy. "I've just moved into the cottage down there. It's to be my new home. I didn't mean to intrude or frighten you. I'm out for an early morning walk. Perhaps I'll see you again."

Bruce didn't stir but watched Sam turn slowly and continue along the path. He continued watching without moving as the slim figure went on down the hill to his humble cottage. Bruce's heart was pounding as he raced back home. "We must be very careful everyone." He paused for breath, "there is a man living in the old cottage by the hill and I don't know if he is a friend. Be very careful children when you're playing. Don't make too much noise and Betty be wary when you're out collecting mushrooms for dinner."

All that spring the badgers of Woodland Grove were more timid than usual, feeling unsure of the man that they saw from time to time and yet never coming to any harm by him.

Then one day in the summer as Bruce was doing his early morning round he saw what looked like a bundle of old clothes in the badger run. He approached cautiously. He saw a stick on the ground and then the face of the old man Sam. What has happened? He carefully sniffed Sam's hand and Sam's eyes flickered. "Hello badger," he said in a soft voice "I've fallen over and hurt my ankle, it's broken I think, and I'm too weak to get to my cottage. Don't be afraid Mr Badger as I told you before I wish to be your friend and mean you no harm."

Bruce flashed around and ran full-pelt into the wood. "He's still frightened" thought the old man as his eyes closed and he lapsed into unconsciousness.



But Bruce was not afraid! He was sure that Sam was kind. He wasn't running away in fear - but running for help! He arrived home and called to Betty and the children. "Come quick! I need your help." When Bruce had caught his breath he explained what had happened, "If we can get him to his home before the milkman calls he will be alright." "But how can we shift him?" Betty asked. "Well there are four of us aren't there?"

With you and Carl on one side and Penny and me on the other, we should be able to drag him along." Although unsure they agreed it was their duty to try to help. They found Sam where Bruce had left him, still unconscious. "You grab his coat there by the shoulder, we'll grab it here and we will all pull as hard as we can."

It was hard work but little by little the four badgers managed to move Sam along the path towards the hillside. They were almost to the cottage door when they heard the roar of an engine. They knew it was the milkman's van and he was definitely not their friend! They let go of Sam's coat and all darted into the bushes; unseen, or so they thought. But the milkman had seen four black and white coats running away from a bundle of old clothes. "What's that there?" He thought, and putting his milk to one side he walked up the path. When he saw it was Sam he didn't quite know what to do. But he knew Sam needed help so he carefully lifted him up and carried him to the milk-van. He strapped Sam in and then sped off as fast as his van would go.

"Oooh! That was close!" said Betty. "Yes it was!" said Bruce, "I hope Sam is alright, but I hope too that our secret is still safe. Come on children, let's go home."

Every day for the next six weeks or so, the badger family would sit at the top of the hillside and look towards the cottage. No milkman and no Sam. Perhaps he had died, they thought. Then one afternoon a strange thing happened. The milkman arrived! And in the passenger seat was SAM!

The milkman went round to help Sam out and up the path of the cottage. Sam moved slowly with a slight limp. The milkman saw Sam safely inside, brought him some milk, bread, butter and cheese, and then drove off leaving the cottage quiet and deserted save for Sam inside.

Bruce went over the front step. "Who is it?" called Sam. Of course they couldn't answer. "Is anyone there?" asked Sam.

The badgers wished they had hidden for the next thing they knew was the front door had opened and Sam was looking at them all. "So it's Mr Badger! And family too! Come in! Come in! You are truly my friends." The badgers would not go inside so Sam sat on the step and told them that without their help that fateful morning he probably would have died. The milkman had told him that he had seen badgers pulling him along. The milkman had said that that must have been impossible and thought he was seeing things. "I said he must have been dreaming! But I know differently." Sam said, "Thank you very very much for saving my life."

Bruce said that he was thankful that he was of assistance, still slightly timid. To Sam, Bruce's badger language sounded more like a grunt or a bark, but Bruce moved closer. Sam stroked him and they shared a little love for a while.

Penny and Carl appeared in the doorway carrying the old man's walking stick that had fallen on the badger run. Sam smiled and held out his hand to take it from them. "Now I have a present for



Experiences Whilst Doing National Service

by John Lambert

While I was in Egypt there were some rather serious riots in Trieste, Italy. We were stationed at Moasca Garrison in Ismailia which is about 22 miles from Fayid Airport.

We were rushed down to Fayid to be on standby to fly to Trieste to quell the riots as part of the function of the "Paras" is being a peace keeping force.

As soon as we got to Fayid Airport the riots simmered down, then they would flare up again. The only thing we could do, with no barracks there, was to kip down in the sand beside the planes and this went on for 3 days and nights, then it was called off.

One night I woke up from a dream to see the silhouette of one of our planes against the sky, it frightened me at first because my imagination was running riot, I thought it was a huge spider!

Dersingham Day Centre

by Alice Worth

On the 25th May Members and Volunteers were invited to celebrate the Diamond Wedding of June and Peter Dorman in the Church Hall. A lot of planning had gone into this special event and we all sat down, at



beautifully decorated tables, to enjoy a beef lunch followed by apple pie and custard. Carol, our cook, and her volunteer helpers really did us proud and when we had all been served they were able to join us too. Following the lunch came the speeches. June spoke first, followed by her daughter, who had joined us for lunch. Then followed a special raffle, all the prizes given by June and Peter. I must add that everyone had been given a free raffle ticket before lunch. In the afternoon we were entertained by Brian Eldridge on guitar with songs from the 50s and 60s and we all sang along to the music. Tea

and cake followed – a very special cake made by Alison Girling depicting their 60 years of marriage. Members had made a collection of £132 to be presented to June and Peter. They, in turn, had then requested that this money be donated to the Day Centre. On behalf of everyone at the Day Centre a big ‘thank you’ to them both for the donation and the lovely day we all had.

On the 15th June we had specially decorated tables in celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday. A birthday card from all the Members, handmade by June Damon, was sent to the Queen for her real birthday in April. A personal thank you from a lady-in-waiting was received, together with an official acknowledgement and a photograph.

In the afternoon the Hunstanton Community Choir came to entertain us. They were excellent and it was impossible not to want to join in – as if anyone could stop us!!!! We certainly hope to see them again



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Tuesday June 7th—The Lucy Lavers

Summer had finally decided to arrive so it was a warm pleasant evening as we made our way to the church hall. Once there though we were immediately taken back to the dark days of 1940 and we joined the 700 little ships of Operation Dynamo as they sailed or were towed across the English Channel to bring off the miracle of Dunkirk. Among these little ships was The Lucy Lavers an RNLI lifeboat and the subject of the evening's talk. The Lucy Lavers was built in the I. O.W in 1940 and was a crossover between sail and motor. She was about to take up her station as second lifeboat in Aldeburgh when the call came about Dunkirk from which she returned riddled with bullet holes. During her time at Aldeburgh she was called out 83 times and saved 44 lives.



She served until 1958 when she was retired and became a relief boat until 1968. Then she became first a dive boat and then a pilot boat before being finally scrapped and stripped in 1987. It would seem to be sad end to a very illustrious career but her own rescue was at hand in the form of Rescue Wooden Boats who with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund set about her restoration. It was amazing to see the way in which the seeming wreck of the Lucy Lavers was slowly restored to her former glory. It was a feat of great skill and craftsmanship. It was in May 2015 that The Lucy Lavers, looking splendid, joined all the other little ships to return to Dunkirk for the 75th anniversary of the rescue mission.

She was sailed in stages down the east coast and finally across to France. Each time she was escorted into the ports by a modern day lifeboat and that was one of the most striking images to see the contrast between the size of the modern day boat and tiny Lucy Lavers. She is now based at Wells-Next-the-Sea and you can take a trip on her.

This was a most interesting and rewarding talk so it was particularly annoying and not a little embarrassing that a few latecomers should create a disturbance at the back of the hall. If they have to arrive after the start of a meeting perhaps another time they would show more respect to the

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The Vernacular Names of British Wild Flowers

by Brian Anderson

Most living organisms have two sorts of names - the scientific name that attempts to delineate relationships and evolutionary descent and a vernacular or common, everyday name. Vernacular names of plants arise from the appearance, smell, use, location or folklore and historical aspects of the plants. I've set out a list

of some of our commoner flowers with comments on the common name or names of the plant - this list is by no means exhaustive as Britain has in excess of 1400 species of flowering plant!

Marsh-marigold

Also known as Kingcup, Mayflower, May-blobs, Water-blobs and other "blob" names. This probably refers to the globular shape of the bud preceding the flower. It used to be used in rituals to mark the coming of spring.



Marsh -Marigold

Wood Anemone

Other names are Wind-flower, Grandmother's Nightcap and Moggie Nightgown. In this case Moggie refers to a mouse and not a cat - no, I don't know why either. Rather charmingly, some children have interpreted the name as "Wooden Enemies".

Lesser Celandine

Also known as Spring Messenger due to its early flowering. Another name is Pilewort as the roots were taken to resemble haemorrhoids. This is an example of the Doctrine of Signatures whereby the appearance of various plants was taken to resemble symptoms of diseased organs and could therefore be used as a treatment. This pernicious rubbish was widely believed until quite recently and indeed still persists in some outliers of alternative medicine. It perverted herbalism and delayed the progress of effective treatments.



Lesser Celandine

Buttercup

Most of the older names have fallen from use - Soldier's Buttons, Goldweed, Crowpeckle and Kingcup (again). Most of us will be familiar with the children's game of holding a buttercup under the chin and if you see the yellow colour reflected you are said to like butter.



Fumitory

Poppy

There are old names like Thundercup, Thunderflower and Lightnings which reflect the belief that picking Poppies will provoke storms. They have also been known as Corn Roses. The Poppy is a plant that has long been associated with rituals of life and death going back at least to ancient Egypt so it is fitting that today we use it as a symbol of remembrance.

Fumitory

Here the vernacular and scientific names share a common root. The scientific name is *Fumaria officinalis*. This derives

from the Latin fumus terrae or "smoke of the earth" as the plant, when growing in profusion, makes the soil look smoky. It is also known as Earth Smoke and Red-tipped Weed.

Pansy

This is more a group than a species. The resemblance that the flower has to a face gives the names Three-faces-under-a-hood and Cat's face. It is also known as Heartsease. The name Pansy comes from Old French pensée "to think". I'm not sure I see the connection here!

Garlic Mustard

Also known as Jack-by-the Hedge as it normally grows adjacent to hedges. The name Garlic Mustard will be obvious to anyone who has eaten the pungent leaves. Used sparingly, it's a useful addition to salads. In the spring I often examine the plants to look for the eggs of the Orange Tip butterfly, which uses it as one of the principal caterpillar foodplants.



Primrose

From the Latin prima rosa or first flower. It isn't, although it is early. It is associated with many country customs. Perhaps the most recent is Primrose Day (19th April) in memory of the Victorian prime minister Benjamin Disraeli who chose it as his favourite flower.

Cowslip

This is one I got completely wrong. I thought that the plant was named after the leaves which are similar to a cow's lips. It is actually named because it often grows in fields where cows graze and "slip" is equivalent to "pat".

Hawthorn or May-tree

This common tree has many vernacular names, including Whitethorn, Quickthorn, Bread-and-cheese, Agars and Arzy-garzies. The May element comes from its time of flowering around May 1st in the old Julian calendar (May 12th in the modern Gregorian calendar). It is a tree with much cultural history going back to Celtic times. It is often mentioned in Anglo-Saxon boundary charters. The name has changed little since that period. The Haw refers to both the fruit and an enclosure haga and the tree in Old English is hagathorn - there is some suggestion that hedge hecg has the same origin.

Bird's-foot-trefoil

This plant also has many common names: Eggs and Bacon, Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Fingers and Thumbs, Dutchman's Clogs, Lady's Fingers and about 70 others! The name Eggs and Bacon (and its variants) derive from the orange and red colours of the flowers. Shoe references come from the shape of the flowers.



Crane's-bills

There are about fifteen species of Crane's-bills in Britain (some naturalised from gardens) and four Stork's-bills. The names crane's-bill or stork's-bill come from the seed pod, which is long, thin and conical like the beaks of the eponymous birds. One species - Dove's-foot Crane's-bill - goes one step

further by emulating a dove's foot (allegedly) which the shape of its leaves. All the species are wild Geraniums.

Lungwort

Lungwort exists as a native plant but mostly you will encounter it as a garden escape. Other names for it are Jerusalem Cowslip, Jacob's Coat and Mary-spilt-the-milk. The commonest name (Lungwort) derives from the Doctrine of Signatures (see Lesser Celandine above) as the leaves were taken to resemble a diseased lung. There is no evidence that it had any effect - the incidence of tuberculosis (for example) remained effectively unchanged until the use of antibiotics.

Forget-me-not

This is not an old name. It cannot be traced any further back than a poem "The Keepsake" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge published in 1802.

Speedwell

There are about 14 species in Britain. It is also known as Bird's-eye, Cat's-eye, Goodbye and Farewell. It was sometimes sewn into the clothing of travellers prior to a journey (hence, presumably, Speedwell). The origin of this tradition is not known.



Bird's-Foot-Trefoil



Teasel

Foxglove

You probably think that the name originates in the belief that the flower could just fit over a fox's paw. So did I. But it's wrong. "Glove" is derived from gliew, an Anglo-Saxon word for a small bell. "Fox" seems to be a corruption of folk, implying fairy folk. So we should be calling them Fairy Bells, which just happens to be an alternative vernacular name. There is an alternative interpretation of "glove" from Old English glofa for glove but the etymological descent is less clear. In fairness, this is still a matter of dispute. In 1785 Foxglove became the first plant to be used in a modern pharmacological sense. William Withering noted that Foxglove affected the heart rate but to achieve the desired effect (and to avoid killing the patient!) a precise dose must be given. He dried and weighed Foxglove leaves so that a known amount could be prescribed. The active ingredients (digitoxin and digoxin) are still used today.

Teasel

Also known as Brushes-and-Combs and Venus's Basin. Brushes-and-Combs refers to the use of Teasel for raising the knap on cloth. It is still used in cases (like billiard table baize) when a very fine and even finish is required. Venus's Basin refers to the way the leaves attach to the stem, providing a "basin" that traps rainwater.

Dandelion

Dandelion has reputedly more vernacular names than any other British wild flower. Examples are

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Village Voice Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School by Sue Picton

As we hurtle towards the summer holidays the children are cramming in as much learning and fun in the sun, (or should that be showers?), as they can. We were blessed with a dry day for our Rio Olympic Sports day, where children took part in a round robin of events including, Japanese water ping pong, Honduras Hockey, Ghana golf and many more topical sports. The afternoon brought beautiful sunshine and some fantastic sporting achievements, as the children took part in traditional sports day races. A big thank you must go to our fantastic Sports Ambassadors from Smithdon, who came to help run the event and our amazing young Year 6 Sports Ambassadors who helped support the teams. It was wonderful to see so many parents and siblings join the children to cheer them on and help them devour their picnic lunch! We welcomed the Reception Class from the Early Years site and they had a chance to have a peek at their new classrooms, as well as participate fully in the sporting events.



In addition to our regular PE lessons, Mr Parris has provided the children with wonderful opportunities to try some alternative sports like Ultimate Frisbee and Fencing and Sam Robinson brought New Age Kurling to school for the children to have a go! Mrs Bower has been popping in to support staff and children with the many sporting competitions over the summer term as well as delivering team building sessions. The children have competed in cricket, swimming, football, dodgeball, country dancing and athletics and are looking forward to participating in a water polo tournament

at the end of term. The sports council have also arranged a nerf wars festival at Smithdon, which the children are very excited about! Some of them have already been practising with Jack Southgate at his after school club.

This half term Land of Toys are enjoying an exciting topic, Paws, Claws and Whiskers, with a number of furry visitors. Dexter the Dutch Hare had a lovely time lolloping around the classroom and Polly and Cassie the Labradoodles provided lots of entertainment. The children have been looking carefully at different teeth and skulls and using their investigative skills to sort animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They've also been learning about the structure of plants and growing their own cress heads, they've tasted a huge range of fruit and vegetables and worked out the differences between them. They are now looking forward to a Carnival Day later in the term and hopefully eating some of the things that have grown.



Waterworld have been working hard on their SATs and should be extremely proud of their fantastic results! They have now embarked on a voyage across the continents to visit the vibrant city of Rio. They have compared the Rio carnival with carnivals around the world and shared the



information collected with the Year 1 children in Land of Toys. They are now busy planning their own carnival with costumes, music, dancing and a special lunch, which will be shared with Land of Toys.

Aquatica finished their Ruthless Romans topic before half term, with the class creating leaflets to show what they'd learned, and the care and attention the children put into their work was lovely to see...they were so proud of what they produced! Since then, the children enjoyed a blast from the past when two men from the Palaeolithic Stone Age came to visit...they learned how to gut fish, and

most of the class enjoyed their mackerel! The children have now moved forward in time though, and are getting their teeth into a Heroes and Villains topic. They have loved the nasty Cruella de Vil and the Dalmatians, Macavity and Mistoffeles from the musical Cats, and have compared music from Peter and the Wolf. The children are finishing off by creating Dalmatian sock puppets, writing playscripts and adding villainous musical accompaniments for their own baddies...their perseverance when learning to sew has been very impressive!

The Year 6 children in Camp Half Blood have also completed a busy half term carrying out SATs. They have all worked extremely hard and achieved some truly wonderful results. Well done Year 6! They have been enjoying a well-earned rest and been on several activity day's such as Go Ape, a visit to the beach, Alton Towers, and still have a camp out on the field and Prom night to look forward to. Of course they are also working very hard on their end of year production of Robin Hood, alongside producing goods for their Farmer's Market to be held at the annual School Fair.

As transitions draws closer, the children are getting excited about starting in their new classes before the summer holidays begin. Of course it will be sad to say goodbye to Year 6, but they will be moving on to more exciting adventures at senior school. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs



Norton Hill Light Railway 2016

The steam railway at Norton Hill in Snettisham is open again this year for 3 weekends through the summer. These weekends are wonderful family days out – the little carriages are pulled by steam engines running through woods, over a viaduct and under a tunnel. As well as the train rides there are many other attractions and refreshments. All proceeds go to local charities.

The dates for your diaries are: **July 30th/31st** , **August 13th/14th** and **August 27th /28th** .

Time 1pm to 5pm.

A Warm Day

By David Bingham

Saturday the 7th of May was a warm day and a predicted spring tide in the evening tempted me to cycle down to the Snettisham RSPB Reserve to see the waders being pushed in by the advancing water. Steve Davis and Tony were leaving the reserve as I arrived – leading one of their popular ‘Heart and Sole’ walks. I’m not sure what birds the group saw on the reserve but if you were on this walk I’m sure you will have heard the cuckoo calling from somewhere on the Dersingham side of the inner sea wall. There was a time when this wouldn’t have been worth commenting on, but cuckoos are becoming much less common than they used to be and I’ve only heard three this year (two of which were on nature reserves). The reasons for this decline are complex but one possible factor is that they are arriving too late to take advantage of one of their favourite food items – the big fat hairy caterpillars often called ‘woolly bears’. There is just no way for cuckoos wintering in equatorial Africa to know that our springs are arriving earlier and earlier each year and that they are now out of synch with a vital food resource.



A warming climate is having a positive effect for some species and three of the birds I encountered that evening would certainly not have been there forty years ago. Several little egrets were feeding around the edge of the lagoons and this species would once have been seen on holidays in southern Europe but never in this country. My first British little egret was seen from a high point on the Studland Heath National Nature Reserve in Dorset. It was flying low over the dark water of the Little Sea next to Studland beach. They are now a common sight but I always take a few seconds to watch them whenever they are around because they are attractive and



energetic birds.

I also heard the explosive call of a Cetti’s warbler coming from the deep cover of a gorse bush that evening. My first encounter with a Cetti’s warbler was in the spring of 1984 and the bird was calling from a bush in the Phassouri reed beds on the Akrotiri peninsular in Cyprus. I had to ask what the call was but once heard never forgotten and the sound is now as common in southern England as the cuckoo’s song once was. I’ve heard hundreds of Cetti’s warblers over the years but I’ve only seen brief glimpses of the bird because they very rarely leave the safety of dense vegetation.

The third of the new arrivals I saw on the reserve that evening were the Mediterranean gulls, which breed amongst the black-headed gulls on the Snettisham reserve. They can be distinguished from black-headed gulls because they actually have black heads (black-headed gulls have brown heads). They also lack black tips to their wings and are generally more elegant and attractive gulls than their noisy neighbours. My first encounter with a Mediterranean gull was on a holiday in Majorca. I took a detour to a quiet beach on the way back to the airport because I had seen ninety-nine birds during the holiday and I wanted to see a hundred (don’t ask me why I’m not a psychiatrist). The Mediterranean gull was perched on a rock just offshore and was a nice tick to finish off the holiday. They are now a reasonably

common breeding bird in this country.

Even without any knowledge of global warming it would be very obvious to anyone with even a passing interest in birds that something strange is happening in the natural world. The decline of our spring migrants is one very obvious change to the way things used to be. William Shakespeare died four hundred years ago and his writings are full of references to spring migrants that would have been very common in Tudor England. Cuckoos, turtle doves, nightingales and a host of other species would have made the journey each spring from sub-Saharan Africa and their arrival would have been a welcome sign that summer was just around the corner. The songs of these birds would have been heard wherever you lived and there wouldn't have been a need to go anywhere special to hear a cuckoo. I'm sure the numbers had already fallen to a fraction of their former size when I was young but the spring bringers were still reasonably plentiful back then.



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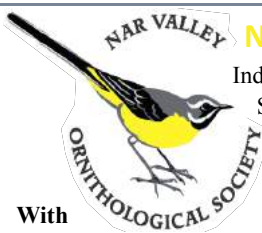
Tom Morris, Dersingham Village Cinema Projectionist

Dersingham village screen continues to attract a loyal band of filmgoers from the village and the surrounding area. In return they enjoy an evening's light entertainment in a friendly and sociable environment. Thankfully, the days of collecting and returning heavy screening equipment from

Wells next the Sea are now over since, thanks to a generous grant from a charitable trust and the Parish Council, we have been able to acquire our own kit. Our grateful thanks to those who have helped collect, set-up and return the equipment over recent months. There will be no screening in August but the monthly programme will resume in September.

30th September – Suffragette. This stirring story centers on Maud, a working wife and mother whose life is forever changed when she is secretly recruited to join the U.K.'s growing suffragette movement. Galvanized by the outlaw fugitive Emmeline Pankhurst, Maud becomes an activist for the cause alongside women from all walks of life. When increasingly aggressive police action forces Maud and her dedicated fellow suffragettes underground, they engage in a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with the authorities, who are shocked as the women's civil disobedience escalates and sparks debate across the nation. The film stars Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter and Meryl Streep.

For further information, please contact either Tom Morris on 01485 541450 or Vanessa Blythe



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Birding around South America

with Gunnar Engblom

Tuesday 30th August, 7.30pm

Gunnar Engblom runs Kolibri Expeditions which provides birding trips to all corners of South America. Gunnar describes himself as a birder, biologist, runner, post-punk-rocker, daddy, husband and owner, manager and guide of Kolibri Expeditions. We can look forward to a fascinating evening.

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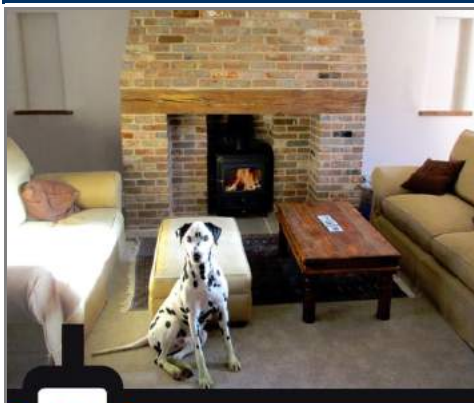


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After the service you will be warmly welcomed in the church hall by the President of G&DI with tea and ANZAC biscuits.

You are all warmly invited to this important annual service - please come and share the memories of those that suffered at this tragic event 101 years ago.

It will be greatly appreciated if you could send an e mail to - johncrowe@uwclub.net if you are



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We have good news to report. Our plans to create a spanking new village Centre for our community received a huge boost in April when the Big Lottery Fund awarded the Parish Council a Development Grant to fund the necessary architectural planning and other costs. The BLF also invited the Parish Council to proceed with the final Stage Three application process for the award of over £500,000 to build the new Village Centre.



As detailed in the Parish Council Report, we have now moved significantly forward, overcoming Historic England and local Borough

Planning issues. We are on track to have the new Centre commissioned and available for community use by June 2018.

This is dependent on your support. We have a number of fund raising initiatives under way and greatly value the kindness and generosity of our community. Institutions and businesses in and around Dersingham can help by supporting these ventures:

Cinema Club. The next showing is West Side Story on July 29th

Join the Village Centre Lottery – just £5 per month. The Lottery kicked off in March this year and we now have 15 lucky winners.

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For some people, growing older can bring about social isolation, anxiety, frailty and loss of independence.

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But the vital link in this chain of life is often the volunteer – people from all walks of life, and of all ages, who feel they can make a difference.

Volunteers are the lifeblood and backbone of Age UK Norfolk. The success and efficiency of our services are dependent upon the people who generously donate their time, experience and compassion, and we currently are in urgent need of new volunteers to be able to continue supporting older people living in Norfolk!

Do you have experience of form filling and do you have a couple of hours a week free to spare?

Do you know that many benefits for older people remain unclaimed each year as they are too daunted by the forms to apply? You could support an older person to complete their forms, and help boost their income so that they can afford the care and support they need.

Loneliness can have a devastating impact on the lives of older people and it's on the rise - which is why we're urging new volunteers to commit to just one call a week, a call that can make all the difference to a lonely older person.

Age UK Norfolk's Telephone Befriending volunteers love nothing more than brightening someone's day, whether it's by having a friendly chat, completing a fun quiz or simply laughing together about something funny that has happened during the week. Enjoying a regular call and chat on the telephone helps to break the feeling of loneliness and brightens the week.

We also have opportunities helping older people keep up with their paperwork from banks, building societies, landlords etc, which can become too much to cope with. At any one time, Age UK Norfolk is providing ongoing support to over 250 older people, with the help of their volunteers. We are looking for people with a basic experience of handling household finances who could spare time to help older people to stay independent.

These are examples of just a few of the roles available. We have a wide range of roles in established services, and depending on your talents and interests, there is bound to be an opportunity where you can share your knowledge, learn new skills, make new friends and have fun! No experience is necessary and we provide full training. There are really no barriers to becoming a volunteer and volunteering for Age UK Norfolk is a great way

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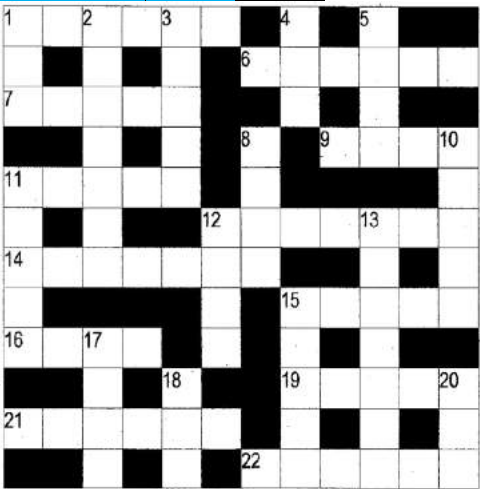
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Across

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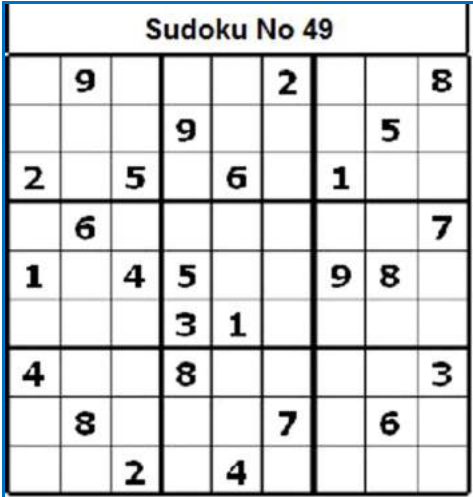
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1. Could this bore everyone 2.Purifier 3. Lessens 4.Bashful 5.Hat material 8.Knife’s mate 10. The Fourth estate 11.Leg Bone 12. Lines in tennis 13.Identical 15.Turning hand



Word Wall Sort the following into 4 groups of connected words.

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

I'm very lucky as I have a wonderful family, all clever in their own right, but one has recently gone into orbit – you may have seen him with the winner of Britain's Got Talent. The winner, Richard Jones, is a young magician, a member of The Magic Circle in London, where my uncle, Fergus Anckorn, is the oldest member. He had taken Richard under his wing and told him his stories of the terrible life he and his companions had when they were Japanese prisoners of war, beaten senseless as they were forced to build the bridge over

the river Kwai.

Richard, a member of the Household Cavalry, dreamed up a card trick illustrating Fergus's life at that time, which culminated in a huge Union Jack across the stage being lifted to reveal my uncle standing with some of the Household Guard's band – there didn't seem to be a dry eye in the place. I was so proud to see him there, especially as he looks so similar to my Dad, Gordon, who was his brother.

My father had also been a member of the Magic Circle – you have to be a good magician to be accepted, and my childhood memories are of him and Fergus doing impossible card tricks,

producing a bunch of feathers from the back of my knee, finding pennies in my ears and other tricks such as 'swallowing' a lighted cigarette. They were both amazing to me, and I'd show off at school, saying 'My Daddy and my Uncle are Magicians'. No doubt the others thought I was a little liar. Unfortunately I didn't know the difference between 'sleight of hand' and magic!

Well, the Open Gardens and Studio days went off well. We must have had around two hundred people admiring the garden over the two days. It was non-stop viewing, and so many lovely people visited. I had to laugh, as a bored husband had clearly been dragged along and wasn't very interested in looking at the garden and wanted to see what the interior of our house was like. You know how it is, you can't see in because the glass looks black. I noticed the man walking up to the window, pressing his nose against the glass and

shielding his eyes with his hands around them. I knew my beloved (Remote Control Man) was sitting in his granddad chair in front of the tv being his normal anti-social self (he would no more dream of greeting garden guests than fly to the moon). I also knew that he might be angry enough to wrench the gentleman's head off. Luckily, he restrained himself, but only for my sake. However he glared at the man, gesturing with a digit as he did so. The startled man leapt six feet in the air and beat a hasty retreat! This used to happen to us at Walsingham too. Our house was right on the road – no pavement – and pilgrims would stop at our windows, hands around eyes, noses to glass, and watch us eating breakfast. At times it was disconcerting, often extremely annoying...but there we are, some people are more curious than others. I know how animals must feel in a zoo.



I had to shower in the dark this morning. Well, I suppose I could have put the light on, but as it was broad daylight, I didn't think of it. It wasn't until I had shed my pyjamas and stepped into the shower that I realised that the builders' two doors down had reached roof level with their breeze blocks and therefore I would be in full view of a row of burly builders if I didn't hastily close the black-out blinds! I am quite sure they would not be the slightest bit interested in viewing my flab – but I would have been mortified if they had!

I've lost my lovely lady 'wot did' for me. She used to whizz through my house in three hours once a week and the place was spotless. Since her departure I have been in a constant flux of trying to get the place clean. I get so distracted, that is the problem. I noted that she used to begin at one end of the house and keep going with determination until she reached the other end. Therefore, I too, begin at one end, but then notice that something needs taking out to the shed, and once there see that the hanging baskets need watering, so I do them, and then the rest of the garden, then realise I haven't yet fed the parrots, so do that, and clean out their cages while I am at it. Then the phone goes, so I have a cup of coffee. By this time half the day has gone, and the Hoover is still at the same one end of the house...Then I think, I'll just check to see if I have any emails. I do, so I answer them, then go onto Facebook, and get very distracted with that.

I've got hooked onto Pinterest too – which is an offshoot of Facebook, where you have online 'boards' where you can 'pin' things that interest you. You can have as many boards as you like. I've got ones for gypsies, pirates, gardens, fashion, Native Americans, Russian Aristocrats, Old Masters, and so on.

Now, here's a strange thing, which many of you will not believe. Thirty-five years ago, I saw a Native American materialise at the foot of my bed who commanded that I write a book. He was very strong – a warrior – almost disdainful, and while I wasn't frightened (surprisingly,) he wasn't the type of person you didn't obey. So I wrote the book. His image has been at the front of my memory ever since. I can still see him in my mind's eye.

We are back to Pinterest now. I hadn't realised how many old photos of Native Americans are around, though I knew that Edward Curtis had taken many in the eighteen hundreds. Well, I have 868 photos pinned on my board so far, and I thought how amazing it would be if I found the Indian Brave I had seen so many years ago. I didn't think it would be possible – assuming that he was probably alive well before Curtis began photographing, so I wasn't really expecting to find him. Well, against all odds, I did find him! His name was Medicine Crow, he was a warrior, chief and medicine man, having prophetic dreams and visions... There were about four excellent shots of him, but the one shown here is how I saw him at the time– except he wasn't wearing all the regalia – he was bare chested, which in a way gives the experience more validity to me – something a bit different about it. When you have a vision like that, you never forget it.

The strange thing is that at the time I got the impression that he thought I was a bit childish – not in a nasty way, but a bit below his dignity. I got the giggles afterwards, thinking that if one has to



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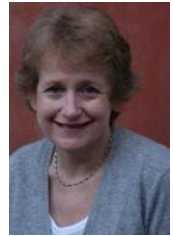
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Tuesday 26th:

Cricket 10am - 12pm

Raquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Squash) 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Wednesday 27th:

Quiz and game morning (sport related) 10am - 12pm

Athletics: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Thursday 28th:

Volleyball 10am - 12pm

Tag Rugby 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 29th:

Nerf Wars 10am - 12pm

Dodgeball 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Week 2

Monday 1st:

Cricket 10am - 12pm

Athletics 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Tuesday 2nd:

Futsal (football) 10am - 12pm

Raquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Squash) 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Wednesday 3rd:

Quiz and game morning (sport related) 10am - 12pm

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Down 1. AWL 2.REFINER 3.EASES 4.SHY 5.FELT 8.FORK 10. PRESS 11.TIBIA 12.TRAM 13.UNIFORM 15.CRANK 17.EXAM 18.YOU 20.TRY.

Word Wall

Old: Fashioned, Hand, Flame, Moon

Bones: Femure, Patella, Talus, Phalax

Kings: Cobra, Cup, Fisher, Pin

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