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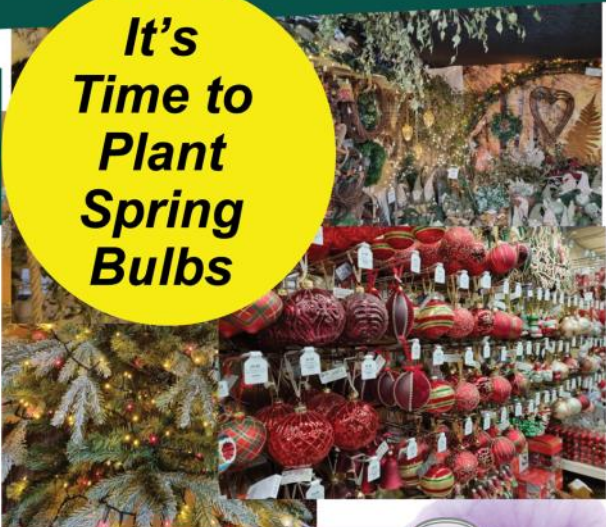
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Jo Halpin Jones



Our cover story celebrates the one hundredth birthday of Doreen Linford and the party organised for her at the Village Centre. Steve Davis reminds us of her intriguing experiences whilst in the WAAF during the Second World War, described in an article written by Brian Anderson in Village Voice back in the December/January 2017/18 edition. I wonder how many current residents of Dersingham have received that special birthday card from our Monarch.

Apart from the latest news from our regular contributors, there is an update on the situation at the QE Hospital, which confirms that we are all waiting to see what the new government is planning to do about our deteriorating facility.

Valerie Ankorn (Mrs Dolittle) returns with an uplifting story about the power of the internet to put people in touch after many, many years.

So here we are with a hint of autumn in the air. The nights are chillier, the trees are starting to develop shades of yellow and gold, and my garden is gradually looking tattier as the flowering season comes to a close. I have several plants which never actually managed to flower, and so we have brought them into our conservatory which remains quite warm and they are finally opening up.

However, some plants faithfully continue to brighten up the garden and will hopefully do so until the first frosts. Here are a few of them.□





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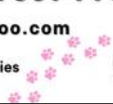
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Parish Council Chairman's Report

Coral Shepherd



As usual at this time of year the Parish Council has been fairly quiet since the last edition of Village Voice, as we have a recess in August with no meetings. Nevertheless, work has been carrying on behind the scenes. The work at the Recreation Ground is now almost complete, although we are awaiting the return of the restored goal mouths which will be repositioned so that they are not in the way of the basketball hoop. Also, since the skatepark opened the soil around it has settled and exposed the foundations in one or two places, so additional soil will be added this month.

Whilst on the subject of the Recreation Ground, there is an article elsewhere in this edition about dogs in the children's play area. I would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that dogs are banned completely from this area. This is a legal requirement and anyone bringing a dog into this area will either have to pay a fixed penalty of £80 or can be taken to court where fines can be up to £1000. There are plenty of places in and around the village for residents to walk and exercise their dogs; all that we ask is for dog owners to respect the children who want to play and enjoy the area. Remember that some children may be afraid of dogs, but more importantly, dogs' urine and faeces are toxic to children, and they can become severely ill.

There have been complaints this summer about the standard of grass cutting around the village. This has mainly been about grass verges, including those within the ownership of Norfolk County Council, which have been cut by the Borough Council. I understand that they are addressing the problems. Please note that the Parish Council is responsible for cutting the grass at the Recreation Ground, land at Philip Nurse Road, a green area at James Jackson Road, The Warren, land at Broadlands Close, green areas from Burma Close through to Earl Close and then towards Bank Road, and around the Village Centre. We have not received any complaints about the standard of grass cutting in these areas. Our contractor has done an excellent job for us over the last three years and we are currently in the process of getting prices so that we can relet the contract.

Finally, a reminder that the Parish Council has a small pot of money available to grant aid local charities and groups. Over the last few years, as well as grants to the sports ground and churchyard grass cutting, we have given small grants to the Dersingham Youth Football team, Dersingham United Charities, NARS (Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service), Dersingham Choral Society, West Norfolk Befriending and Dersingham School library. If you need some money to help with your group with a project, please speak to or email our Business Manager, Karen Orgill - Telephone: 01485 541465. Email: bm@dersingham.org.uk

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News from Dersingham Village Centre Sue Payne

Summer Closure

At the end of August we closed for a week to enable essential maintenance work to be carried out in the car park, and also to do a thorough sort and tidy of the storage areas. Thank you to the trustees and volunteers who gave up their time to ensure the Centre is smart and welcoming for users and visitors.

Coffee Shop

On Thursday mornings we catch up with our regular customers and extend a very warm welcome to visitors. On offer are very reasonably priced home-cooked quiches, cakes, hot and cold drinks, and great banter with our baristas.

Tapping House take over on the first Thursday each month, with a slightly different menu, and the proceeds support the vital work carried out at the Hospice.

Friendship Lunches

On the first Tuesday each month we serve a freshly cooked two-course meal, with tea or coffee, for just £7. Numbers are limited and booking is required. Call 01485 540644 by noon on the *Thursday* beforehand and also advise us of any allergy or dietary needs.

Village Cinema

The August film, *Mrs Lowry & Son*, was a full house with over 100 in the audience. We owe a huge thank you to the film's producer, Debbie Gray, who arranged video intros from Tim Spall and herself, and to Frank Gray for loaning the paintings which were used in the film.

October's film will be *Where the Crawdads Sing* - a mystery/thriller about a young girl growing up alone, having been orphaned at an early age.

In November we are showing *The Holdovers*, which is about a teacher who stays on at a boarding school over the Christmas holiday to babysit a student.

Events

Our Barn Dance returns on October 19th with Whirlygig, Tickets are now on sale at Dersingham Post Office. For information, call Judy on 01485 540171. Numbers are limited so get your tickets early.

The Christmas Craft Fair, organised with Fade to Grey's Alex Dixon, takes place on Sunday, November 17th.

The Christmas Carols Evening date has yet to be fixed, but it will be in the week before Christmas. More information will be in the next issue of Village Voice.

Also, we are busy planning our New Year's Eve event – watch this space.

For more information about the Centre and what goes on, visit our website - www.dersinghamvillagecentre.org.uk where you can sign up for regular updates. We have a Facebook Page and also post on the Dersingham Village Facebook Group. Event posters are displayed in various locations around the village; we are grateful to local businesses for their support.

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

Best Wishes from all at the Centre.□

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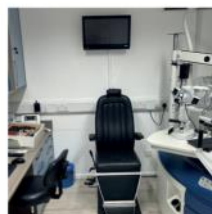
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RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre Autumn Market

This will be the centre's latest fundraising event and the money raised will go towards helping the wild animals currently being rehabilitated there.

Evangelos Achilleos, RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre Manager, said, "It's been a really busy year for the team here at East Winch and it's hard to believe that we are getting close to the autumn season. Although the seasons change, our rehabilitation of wildlife work never stops, which is why we are hosting this autumn market to help raise vital funds for the centre.

"We are inviting people to come down and have a look at all the lovely gifts and food on offer and those who attend will also be able to visit our shop, and, if seals are in their pools for rehabilitation, you may get to see some through the visitor centre's window when it's feeding time.

"The people of Norfolk and further afield have always been so incredibly supportive of our work and we hope people will be able to find some time to pop in and visit us at this event.

"We are currently caring for over 250 animals including a whopping 180 hedgehogs, as well as seals, owlets, fawns, buzzards, swans and ducks, to name just a few, and the money raised from the event will go towards their on-going care."

For those who cannot make the date of the market, the centre's shop is always open on Fridays and Saturdays 11:00am until 4:00pm."



There is parking at the centre and the address is: Gayton Road, East Winch PE32 1LG.

To find out how you can help RSPCA East Winch in its care for wild animals, please visit the centre's [Facebook](#) page or its [Amazon wish list page](#). □

Dersingham Walking Group

Tony Bubb



With the evenings closing in and the clocks leaving summertime we know that the year is inching towards its replacement. Walking at this time is really enjoyable, still reasonably warm, but with views, hidden by the leaves of summer, becoming available once again.

Our next walks are:

Wednesday September 25th at 1.45pm

A walk beside the Great Ouse and an exploration of West Lynn starting with a trip on the ferry (£1.40). Note the earlier time as the ferry runs on the half hour, so we will be aiming for the 2.00pm sailing. Start point at the free ferry car park TF 613203. Leader Tony Bubb 01485 542638.

Wednesday October 9th at 2.00pm

A visit to the peaceful village of Syderstone from which we walk around Syderstone Common, up to Barmer and back down Jack's Lane. About four miles. Start point St Mary's Church, The Street, Syderstone TF 833326. Leader Stephen Martyn 07879 885516.

Wednesday October 23rd at 2.00pm

A simple walk from new Hunstanton to Heacham using both the promenade and the old railway line to enjoy the different views of the coast. Meet at 'The Lookout' in front of the Salad Bowl Cafe near the bowling green - TF 672413; What3words location - ref boomers. morphing. unlisted. Approximately four miles. Parking should be available in nearby roads. Leader Wendy Mears 01485 534338.

Wednesday November 13th at 1.30pm

Sandringham Woods: Fallen leaves, fungi, squirrels doing things with their nuts and probably the setting up of Illuminate are all on the agenda for today's walk. Man of the woods Brian will guide walkers on this arboreal treat. Start point is the car park on Heath Road, Dersingham TF 686298. Leader Brian Eldridge 01485 540862.

Wednesday November 27th at 1.30pm

Burnham Deepdale, Barrow Common and the coast path. Starting from Burnham Deepdale Church, which is on the main A149, we will walk up and over Barrow Common and then down to Brancaster. From there we join the Norfolk Coast Path, which now has a newly rebuilt boardwalk. The path will take us to Brancaster Staithe and then back to Deepdale. Start point TF 804443, about 4.5 miles. Leader Stephen Martyn 07879 885516. Note that parking is limited by the church, but there is some parking on adjacent streets.

All our planned walks will appear here in Village Voice and can also be found on our new website Dersinghamwalking.co.uk and usually take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Joining the walking group is a great way to meet some of your fellow villagers plus some folk from further afield and to explore the local area. There is no cost involved, just turn up. Dogs are welcome on most walks, provided they are well behaved and tolerant of other dogs. The leader of the walk will do their best to look after you.

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

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

Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council is carrying out a Call for Sites for their developing Neighbourhood Plan

A call for sites was undertaken for the King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan in 2016 and 2019 for the Local Plan Review. Six sites identified in the parish of Ingoldisthorpe in 2016 ranging between 0.31ha and 2.2ha, these can be viewed on pages 408 to 425 on the Borough Council's website at: [BCKLWN - Local Plan Review - Housing and Economic Land Availability](#). No sites were identified in 2019.

Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council is now undertaking a further 'Call for Sites' **just for** the Ingoldisthorpe parish area to identify available sites that can be considered for developments as part of the development of its Neighbourhood Plan.

In the recent consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan those who responded felt strongly that there should be more affordable homes, enabling people to get on the housing ladder (73%), more family homes (61%) and homes catering for needs of disabled people (55%). In terms of the size of houses, there was significant support that any new developments should provide more 2-to-3-bedroom houses.

The Site Submission Form for completion by any interested parties who want to promote a site for a specific use or development to be allocated in the Ingoldisthorpe Neighbourhood Plan can be requested by email: clerk.ipc@gmail.com

The Call for Sites will run for 6 weeks starting on Friday 6 of September 2024. The closing date for submissions is **midnight on Monday 18 October 2024**.

More information on why a Call for Sites is an important element in developing a Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Ingoldisthorpe Parish Council website: www.ingoldisthorpe.org/call-for-sites



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From your Ward Councillors Tony Bubb and Judy Collingham



As we move into autumn the Borough year gets under way, though there is little of note to report in terms of new initiatives. We are all holding our breath that undertakings by the previous Conservative Government to rebuild our hospital will be honoured by the current Government. So far the CEO of the Hospital has met with Wes Streeting, Minister for Health. Please contact your MP to express your support for the plans to refurbish the old QEH and stress how necessary the hospital is for the health and well-being of our community. We must take nothing for granted.

We are aware of issues over grass cutting and are trying to get the situation improved. There are two aspects to this matter: The verges are cut by the Borough on behalf of Norfolk County Council, for which they pay us, but the council adds an extra couple of cuts to the programme. Bearing in mind the size of the Borough, there is only so much cutting that can be done by the cutting team. When we get other influences taking control of the growth – the weather – we cannot increase the frequency of the cuts. The second aspect is the treatment of the kerb gutters. NCC now only spray the weeds once a year. And that's it. They do not remove the dead vegetation and the street sweeping machines that go round are not designed to have much effect on the weeds. We are trying to get pressure put on NCC to improve this untidy problem.

Once the summer got under way West Norfolk had a busy season in terms of tourist numbers, though the late start to summer will affect some revenue streams, i.e. parking income. Let us hope for an Indian summer.

In our Ward we continue to work towards plans for refurbishing the pavilion. The Donate Page on the website (dersinghamsportsground.org.uk) is now live, so if you feel inclined, do give an amount, however small. This will demonstrate support amongst the community for the pavilion.

The Tennis Club has benefited from funds from the Councillor Community Grants scheme. The surface of one court has been restored, new LED lights installed and (funded by members) a new tennis net purchased for court No.1. Please do get in touch with the Club to book a court, even if you are not a member. This is a facility for everyone.

Our best wishes to all Village Voice readers for the autumn season.□

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 21st October at the Community Centre, Avenue Road, Hunstanton at 2:00 pm.

Our November meeting is on Monday 18th, again at 2.00pm, when Three's Company will be giving a humorous Anthology of Poetry and Prose called Tarts, Toffs and Traitors! Curious? You will be most welcome to join us.

For further information please see our website

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‘Two children seriously hurt in dog attack’

Kate Hathaway

Above is the headline taken from the BBC News website on 3rd July 2024. It could quite easily have gone on to say – on Dersingham Recreation Ground. Fortunately, it didn’t and I’m sure it’s not the kind of headline that any resident would want to read. But it might just happen.

I was recently passing the recreation ground on a lovely Sunday morning and thought how nice to see so many children and families using the equipment, playing and running around, as they are entitled to do in what should be a safe place to play. I also saw two dogs with their owners in the play equipment area; one dog was on a lead, the other dog wasn’t and was free to run around. All the family happily out together. So, what’s wrong with that?



We have all seen on TV and read in the newspapers dreadful headlines such as the above where children and adults have been attacked and even killed by family and strangers’ pet dogs. Which is one reason why the enclosed equipment play area is covered under the *Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* and *The Public Spaces Protection Order (Control of Dogs)* - Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, which came into force on 1st December 2021. It says that in all parishes of the Borough there is an Exclusion all year round for dogs to enter children’s play areas. There are exceptions for those who are blind or have a disability. Failure to comply can result in a fixed penalty notice or even a prison sentence. The Order can be found on the Borough Council’s website if you would like to see the sealed document explaining the full extent of the order.

The thing is, the gates into this area have a large, mostly bright red, official notice attached to them that these two owners both chose to ignore, even though their own children were playing in the area. Dogs can get overexcited with the children running around, shrieking, yelling and enjoying themselves, not to mention the unhealthy possibility of the dogs fouling the area. We all like to think that our dogs wouldn’t hurt anyone, but I know that they quite often accidentally do; my husband was nipped on the finger by our dog and it resulted in a five-day stay in hospital and two surgical procedures. So **please keep our children safe and healthy** and don’t take your beloved family pet onto the recreation ground.

By the way, after speaking to the owners one kindly agreed to take their dog out and the other was somewhat reticent to do so and I was too cross to stay any longer. □

Dersingham Ladies’ Friendship Group

We are a small, informal, friendly group of ladies who meet for companionship and have a chat over a cuppa on the fourth Tuesday of each month. (Excluding August - no meeting - and in December we meet on the second Tuesday) at the Orchard Close Community Centre, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

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Dersingham Institute Bowls Club

Jan Rawstron

I cannot believe that by the time this issue is published, our 2024 bowls season will have come to an end. Where did the time go?

Picking up from where I left off last time, we have enjoyed a season full of both friendly and competitive games. The Dickie Murrell Memorial League (Birds) ended on Wednesday 21st August with the Wrens team consisting of Albert Chamberlain, Allen Toppin, Les Allen and Sue Booth winning the league, with the Eagles team of Brenda Hollywood, Mo Covell, John Todd and Kevin Mayor as worthy runners up. Well done to all!

The internal knockout competitions are drawing to a conclusion, and I will be able to report on the winners in the next issue.

On to round two of the Ladies v Men Challenge. Despite every effort, the ladies were unable to make up the deficit from round one, losing by 81 shots to 119 on the day. Well done to the men this year. The game was followed by a delicious fish and chip supper, cooked on site by the village fryer. Thanks Steve, great food as usual.

Bank Holiday Monday saw the Eddie Roye Pairs trophy competed for. This year the trophy was won by Nicky O'Dea and Dave Liddle who beat Brenda Hollywood and Terry Nice in the final.



Nicky O'Dea and Dave Liddle

Now onto the external Leagues: Countryside

Captain, Terry Thompson, reports that Dersingham Bowls Club has put in a very strong performance this year, having secured second place in the Countryside League this season. We had a slight wobble in a couple of matches in mid to late June but recovered well in our last two matches. This is an improvement on last season, having finished third. Terry would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who played their part in achieving this milestone and looks forward to next season where we hope to progress to the top.

Albert Victor Captain, Gerry Bhagat, reports that despite having played our last game, not all results are in from other teams, so we do not know as yet where our final league place is. I will update you in the next issue. Whatever the outcome, thanks to all who took part.

The green will close on Saturday, September 21st with a roll-up, weather permitting, and Winter Warmers will start on Wednesday October 2nd.

All of the competition winners for this season will be presented with their trophies at the Presentation Lunch at The Mariner, Old Hunstanton on October 18th. This will be followed by a raffle.

At this point I must thank Brenda for organising the table-top sale on July 21st which raised £100 for club funds, and all the club committee for their hard work and commitment to the club all year, but especially in the bowling season. Thanks also to those who volunteer to help with the green, making teas, etc. without whom it would be very difficult for the club to continue.

All that remains now is to wish everyone the best of health.□

The Cactus and Succulent Society

Noel Mellish



We have two more meetings scheduled for the first Tuesdays of October and November between 2:00pm and 4:30pm. In October our speaker will be Hazel Taylor with a presentation on the Western Cape Part 1. November will be our AGM.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors, so if you are interested, pop along. We meet in the Albert Victor Bowls Club Hall (down a track off Manor Road between Nos 4 and 6 Manor Road – look out for the little sign.)

We are a branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society and our members are from local villages as well as a bit further afield, but we all have one thing in common - a love of cacti and succulent plants. Come and join us....kingslynn.bcss.org.uk □

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Robert M Frost

This is to inform you that as from the 30th September 2024 R&B Turf & Groundcare Machinery Specialists will be closing permanently due to the fact that I will be retiring after forty years in the trade and nearly twenty years running R&B. It is now the time to hang up the spanners and enjoy some time with my family.

We would like to thank you for your custom over the years. Unfortunately, as we have had no takers for continuing R&B, there will be an auction of all goods and chattels later on in October. We are hoping to keep on the agency for Aspen fuels. □



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Positive news soon on a new QE? Gordon Taylor, Save our QEH campaign group



Is there good news on the horizon over funding for the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital? Like most people in this area, I certainly hope so.

After four and a half years of countless photo opportunities from local MPs, and broken promises from the Conservative government, Labour are now the party in charge. Does this guarantee that the building of the hospital will be going ahead without fail? Well, there have been promising noises coming from Wes Streeting, the Health Secretary, but having had our hopes built up on several occasions over the last few years, and then crushed, we should be cautiously optimistic.

The previous government's hospital building plan is on hold and is under review. Whereas Streeting has said that the timetable for the building of the forty new hospitals promised is unachievable, he has said that the remaining RAAC hospitals, of which the QEH is one, are a priority. So, it is quite likely that a significant announcement will be made on the day of the autumn budget, due on October 30th, if not before.

One of the questions that remains is the location of the new hospital. The hospital trust plan, to build on the site of the current hospital car park, is being called into question. Labour MP for South West Norfolk, Terry Jermy, has asked for the details of the decision making process around that decision to be made public. And during the election campaign, local Labour candidates were raising the possibility of other options to be considered. How this fits into a plan, which should have seen work begin in December 2023, remains to be seen. Remember, come 2030, the current hospital will be closed down for good.

Something to bear in mind when you hear announcements on the building of new hospitals, and the funding of the NHS in general, is how these things are funded in the first place. The current government hasn't stopped telling us about fiscal rules since they came into power, and how they can't afford to do all the things they would like to. First thing to say, is that these 'rules' are simply made up by the Chancellor Rachel Reeves, and she is under no obligation to stick to them.

Then there is how a government raises money to fund things like the NHS, schools, care services, and just about everything else. By introducing a wealth tax, which would affect only billionaires and millionaires, tens of billions of pounds could be raised to invest in our

public services. And despite being in favour of doing this while in opposition, they now refuse to implement it in government. Changes to income tax, capital gains tax and corporation tax could again raise billions in revenue, but again, Labour have shown no interest in taking measures to raise the funds needed to restore our NHS and public services to a level we would hope for and expect. We have heard many times that there is no magic money tree, which is true. But if a government is serious about making our health service the envy of the rest of the world, they shouldn't have to try too hard to make it happen.

Let's hope that by the end of October, we will be celebrating with a positive announcement on the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital.□

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Saturday 28th September: Coffee morning 10:00am – 11:30am. Raising funds for Mary's Meals and Church funds.

Sunday 29th September: Harvest Festival service 10:30am. We will be collecting items for the Hunstanton Foodbank.

Friday 18th October: Quiz afternoon 2:00pm. £4 per person to include light refreshments. Quiz master – Roger Jackson. Come along, it's fun, brains useful but not necessary!!

Saturday 26th October: Coffee morning 10:00am – 11:30am. Raising funds for The Leprosy Mission and Church funds.

Saturday 23rd November: Christmas Fayre 10:00am – 11:30am.

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Summer Camp for the 1st Dersingham Guides

Elizabeth Wheeler

This August, the 1st Dersingham Guides enjoyed a very sunny camp at the Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre. During the camp, the Guides enjoyed a range of traditional camping activities as well as taking part in a variety of adventurous activities.

Once everyone had arrived, the Guides put up their patrol tents, filled the water carriers and built their washing up stands using poles and knots - none collapsed! Each patrol helped everything to run smoothly by helping to prepare the meals, cooking on the altar fires, filling the water carriers or breaking the flag each morning. They were also responsible for keeping their tent tidy!

Guide camp always has a theme, which flows into the activities, and this year it was "Gonks are not just for Christmas!" The Guide patrols were named after different Scandinavian countries where Gonks originated, and the Guides made a range of gonk crafts to take home.



Guide camp is always full of activity and the Guides took part in climbing, archery, buggy build (making a giant ride on a Flintstones car), grass sledges, go karts, kayaking and crate stacking. During all these activities, the Guides showed great teamwork and resilience, supporting and encouraging each other and having a go.



Guide camp would not be complete without a campfire, complete with singing incredibly silly songs and toasting marshmallows.

Everyone had a great time and went home with a bag full of crafts and badges. Here's to the next one!□





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The Pope's prayer intention for October 2024 is **For a Shared Mission**. We pray that the church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

The Pope's prayer intention for November 2024 is **For Anyone who has Lost a Child**. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Our parish BBQ this August had a slightly different approach. It was more of a bring your own picnic and BBQ. This was in order to include as many people as possible. All were invited to bring their own picnic, plus chairs, blankets etc. Music, burgers, sausages, buns and condiments were provided for free. Alcoholic and soft drinks were also provided free. Generous donations were requested for the raffle and tipsy tombola.

In the last few months we have been working with other churches in our area, to make the most of opportunities to get together for prayer and for social occasions. We have shared our social calendar and invited the other churches to join us at our social events where possible. We also have an ecumenical noticeboard for invitations to other churches' events. Please get involved if possible as we try to increase our outreach in the Christian community.

There are plans for a Harvest lunch at St Cecilia's in the third week of October, date to be confirmed. Look out for more details in the weekly bulletins and website.

We are very blessed in our parish to have two churches, which is convenient for Sunday and Holy Day services. However, all our social events aim to celebrate us as a single parish, so regardless of which church you normally attend, please try to come to the events, wherever they're held. If you are unable to get there, you can contact the organisers who will try their best to arrange a lift, so that you don't have to miss out on these enjoyable social occasions.

We have regular Rosary prayer meetings at St Cecilia's every Monday from 2:00pm. And there is also a Mothers' Prayers group which meet at 2:30pm Monday fortnightly at OLSE. There is also a group who meet on the last Friday of the month for Spiritual Formation. This could be about a specific Saint or Synodal discussions, prayers or anything that people want to suggest. All are welcome, refreshments are available, just look in the weekly bulletins for dates and times.

If you would like to be on the distribution list for the weekly bulletins straight to your inbox, please send your email address to hunstantonparish@rcdea.org.uk. Also, if you are a new parishioner, there is a form in both church porches to fill in your details to welcome you to the parish. Feel free to ask if you can't see them.

For Parish news including Mass times and prayer requests, please see the **Parish News** page on our website. For information about live streamed Masses in the Diocese and related matters see the **Links** page of our website at www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org.uk. The Sunday Masses are at 9:00am at

Mountbatten Road, Dersingham, and 11:00am at OLSE Sandringham Road, Hunstanton. Daily Masses are at 10:00am at Hunstanton on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 10:15am at Dersingham on Wednesdays.

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Dersingham Yard Sale

Alex Dixon

We'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Village Yard Sale and made a donation. We raised a total of £429.22 which has been split equally between the charities Ryston Rachel's Hedgehog Hotel and Safe Rescue for Dogs.

There were quite a few grumbles about inconsiderate parking, lack of sales, map quality, etc but we hope most people had a good day overall and enjoyed themselves. The aim was to bring the village together and create a community event. Despite the minor problems, hopefully we achieved that.

Lastly, we are really grateful to Julie Plummer (who did the main job of organising the event) and to the Co-Op and Fraser and Maria in the Post Office for being so accommodating and collecting names of participants and donations - we couldn't have done it without your help.□



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Focus on the Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*

Brian Anderson

The Brown Argus is a small, brown, sometimes inconspicuous, butterfly usually found in grassland habitats. Forty or so years ago I probably wouldn't have included it in the

"Focus" series because, although it was not rare, it was quite uncommon in Norfolk. The change in distribution and abundance I will deal with later.

The Brown Argus was first described by Petiver in 1707 as the Edg'd Brown Argus. Later eighteenth-century naturalists gave it various other names - the Brown Blue, the Black-spot Brown and the Brown Argus Blue. The rather confusing reference to blue (there is no blue on the wings) is due to the butterfly being a member of the family Lycaenidae - the blues, hairstreaks and coppers.

Until 1967 there were two recognised subspecies. The Brown Argus *Aricia agestis agestis* and the Northern Brown Argus *Aricia agestis artaxerxes*. Then in 1967 it was agreed that these were actually two species (confirmed later by breeding and genetic studies), so we ended up with *Aricia agestis* and *Aricia artaxerxes*. *Aricia agestis* is the only member of this group found in Norfolk. But it didn't end there. There is another contender - the Castle Eden Argus (form *salmacis*), found in County Durham. There was interminable discussion about whether this was a subspecies of the Brown Argus. Eventually, it was decided that this group was (probably) a race of the Northern Brown Argus *Aricia artaxerxes*. I sometimes think that one of required competences for taxonomists is the ability to argue endlessly and tirelessly over the minutiae of classification. I remember at a Butterfly Conservation conference some years ago Professor Jeremy Thomas, one of Britain's leading butterfly experts, referring to discussions over the classification of the Wood White, said that "the taxonomists have agreed that it is forty-seven percent a species." But I digress!



Castle Eden Argus



Northern Brown Argus

The Brown Argus and Northern Brown Argus can be distinguished quite easily in the field. The Northern Brown Argus has a white spot in the middle of the upper forewing - this is absent in the Brown Argus. Hybrids between the two species have been recorded.

The Castle Eden Argus is another matter - the field naturalist will struggle to decide

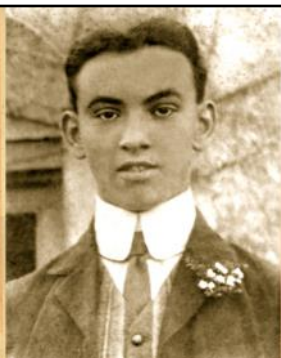
whether the spots on the underwing are prominent enough to classify it as form *salmacis*.

There are sometimes difficulties in distinguishing the Brown Argus from the female Common Blue. Some hints: the Brown Argus has absolutely no blue on the upperside; it is also slightly smaller; with no spots close to the body on the underside forewing.

The distribution of the Brown Argus has changed markedly over the last few decades. My earliest field guide (South's *Butterflies of the British Isles* 1906) gives a largely anecdotal account of the butterfly being confined to chalky soil areas where the caterpillars fed on Rock Rose. It makes a passing reference to caterpillars feeding on Common Stork's-bill in sandier areas. (Sandars: *A Butterfly Book for the Pocket* 1938) has maps which give the distribution but only as stippled shading. (Ford: *Butterflies* 1945) has maps with actual records but only three are shown in Norfolk. In 1984, an atlas of British butterflies was published by Heath, Pollard and Thomas. The Brown Argus was still shown to be thinly distributed in Norfolk, although the resolution was low, being at the decadal (10 x 10 km grid square) level. In 1990 the Norfolk Branch of Butterfly Conservation published the first atlas of butterflies in Norfolk, covering the period 1981 to 1990. It showed that the Brown Argus was present in 6 percent of tetrads (a tetrad is a 2 x 2 km grid square). By the time of the next atlas (1991 - 2000) this number had increased to 13 percent. The reason for this increase is perhaps surprising - at that time the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC (as it was then) was dealing with agricultural surpluses and the set-aside scheme was introduced where some fields were left uncultivated, leading to a large range of wild plants taking over. Two of these were Dove's-foot Crane's-bill and Cut-leaved Crane's-bill, which seem to be similar enough to Common Stork's-bill for the caterpillars to feed on, leading to an expansion of both range and abundance. The atlas for 2001 - 2010 has the number of tetrads recording the Brown Argus rising to 18 percent and the 2011- 2020 atlas to 22 percent.

The interpretation of such records has to be treated with some caution. The dot on the map may represent frequent visits or just one. The absence of a record may simply mean that the tetrad has not been visited - remember "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence"! And recorders vary widely in experience - some Brown Argus may have been dismissed as female Common Blues. The transect records will eventually provide more precise results but we will have to wait as, although forty-five transects are currently walked in Norfolk, less than half of these have been walked for over ten years and about ten have been walked for five years or fewer.

The Brown Argus suffers from rapid population crashes and recoveries. It is not known why - it doesn't seem to be particularly weather-related as the changes are not synchronised between sites.□



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We have the following bands on in October and November, as well as all the premiership football on the big screen:

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28th September: Lee O'Brien singing a wide range of covers from the sixties to the current day.

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1st November: Abba tribute band - Head over Heels.

23rd November: Dead Horse - hard rock and metal band and winners of Battle of the Bands.

A full list of events can be found on our Facebook page @dersinghamsocialclub □

Snettisham Gardening Club

Addie Thompson

At our meeting on Wednesday 30th October we will welcome Mr. Jim Paine who will give us a "Grand Tour of Botanical Gardens". You are welcome to join us.

We will be holding our annual Hog Roast on 27th November which has to be booked and paid for prior to the event. This is our last meeting in the hall for 2024.

Meetings start at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, Snettisham. Any further information about our club can be obtained from Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754.□



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FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER: FILM NIGHT.

Swede Caroline (15) starring Richard Lumsden and Celyn Jones in a hilarious mockumentary which follows Caroline, a competitive giant vegetable grower, as she readies herself for the big annual National Veg Championship. When her prized marrow, named Ricky Hutton, is stolen, Caroline and her fellow growers - conspiracy theorist Paul and affable Willy - are led into a seedy world of crime as they attempt to find the culprit. Watch the trailer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHhIHZOpI4k> . The club opens at 7.00 p.m. Film starts at 7.30 p.m. Admission £4 at the door. For further information email enquiries@anmerclub.co.uk

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER: QUIZ NIGHT.

Club opens at 7.00 p.m. Quiz starts at 7.30 p.m. Entry £3 per person. Licensed bar and raffle.

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN FRIGHT NIGHT.

Club opens at 7.00 p.m. Entertainment with Roger Williams. Admission £4, under 16s free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Fancy dress competition, fun and games. Fully licensed bar and raffle.

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER: BINGO NIGHT.

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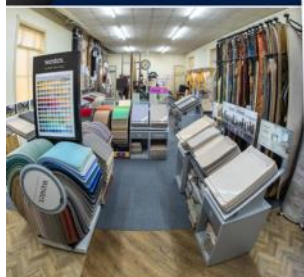
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Hunstanton Croquet Club Caroline Harper



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Our second annual 'Bright Shirts Day' was attended by over thirty members who had raided their wardrobes to don the most colourful garb they could find. Pam Reynolds chose the winner, Bev Runchman, whose top could be seen by the jets circling overhead!



On a more serious note, Hunstanton hosted the final round of the Ascot Cup qualifying series. Only eleven of the sixteen places available were filled, but of the eleven no fewer than three were England players. One of them, Mark Avery, pictured below, won and has qualified for the Ascot Cup final with our own David Thirtle-Watts, winning the Plate.

August Bank Holiday saw the annual four-day AC competition. Again, entry numbers were a little low, but how marvellous that this competition has been run since 1912 with only two World Wars and COVID interrupting it.

The month's events concluded with the Club Doubles. Eight pairs competed in perfect conditions. Colin Spencer and Maria Crompton defeated David T-W and Steve Runchman in the final to take the silverware, whilst Gren Perry and Zena Penty took home the wine after a fiercely fought golden hoop with Gary Lewis and Steve Runchman.



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Tuesday 26th November

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Outdoor theatre came to Wolferton in July with a production of *The Railway Children* on the platform at Wolferton Station. The story was written by Edith Nesbitt and originally serialised in 1905.



With the weather threatening all day, rain held off until quite literally the last few words were being spoken by the four actors who gallantly held on in the immediately quite torrential rain so as not to disappoint the ninety-strong audience, almost all of whom also stayed to see it out!

London-based theatre company Tethered Wits had approached back in January to see whether it would be a feasible location and if the owner would be willing for it to be staged there. From that first introduction, arrangements were made for car parking and toilet facilities, and volunteers from Wolferton Church served hot and cold drinks and snacks to accompany the picnics that ticket holders were invited to bring. A raffle was held which brought in a useful boost to funds too!

What was particularly impressive about the performance was the way the production had been compressed into a one-hour show – about half the length of the film - whilst not losing any of the essential storyline. The following evening the same company put up a different set and donned different clothes to play P G Wodehouse's *Jeeves and Wooster* at the Sandringham Rectory, which was played to an almost as large audience. Wodehouse wrote the first of his many Jeeves stories in 1919, but the one chosen for this short play was *Stiff Upper Lip*, Jeeves, written in 1963 when he was in his eighties.

Production Director for the Tethered Wits theatre company, Gabbie, said, "Despite having toured extensively in the Cotswolds and southwest England, these performances marked the company's first visit to Norfolk. Both settings worked beautifully for the productions and the entire company was grateful for the wonderful audiences as well as the kind hospitality of those involved. Hopefully there is more scope to visit the area in future years now this appetite for theatre in the area has been realised, so do keep your eyes peeled for Tethered Wits performances in summer 2025!"

The locations proved ideal, but not only for this type of production; they could also be used for musical evenings and the like, so a whole new approach to local fundraising could have been unveiled.□

Doreen Linford at 100

Steve Davis

Doreen Linford is no stranger to Village Voice, whether from letters she'd written in, or articles by others written about her or the Linford family line and its connections with Dersingham. Perhaps the most memorable article I'd read was one by Brian Anderson in issue 109 December/January 2017/8, page 43, entitled "*Doreen's War*", detailing her intriguing experiences whilst in the WAAF from 1942. (A Google search on '*Dersingham Village Voice 109 December 2017*' should take you straight there, or simply navigate through the menus and links on the dersingham-pc.gov.uk website.)

Still living at her home in the village with the support of close friends and professional carer visits, it was a great privilege in August to be able to help arrange a 100th birthday afternoon tea party at the Village Centre in her honour. There must have been around seventy people there including local friends, mostly from Church, and relatives from further afield.

A little apprehensive of how it was all going to work out in the run-up, I don't think any one of us quite knew all of the surprises that were in store. Although at the time of booking it seemed we would only have the 'Garden Room' and 'Hub' available at the Village Centre, we were delighted to learn, just a few days before the event, that the Main Hall was available after all! This in itself made a tremendous difference with the numbers present, quite apart from the fact it meant I could use the big screen to show for the photo slide-show I had prepared. (A Google or YouTube search on '*Doreen Linford 100*' should take you there).

For some weeks before, several folk had been asking me whether I had applied for Doreen's 100th birthday card from the King. Although visiting the webpage www.gov.uk/get-birthday-anniversary-message-from-king assures us that you no longer need to apply for anyone in receipt of a state pension or other benefit, it did leave me worrying whether it was actually going to happen. I needn't have worried as it duly arrived early that day!! Then on the same morning we also learned that Squadron Leader Stuart Geary from RAF Marham would be coming to the afternoon party to present flowers and a card from staff there, which he duly did. And as relatives gathered just a little ahead of the proceedings, they were as pleasantly surprised as I was when Doreen arrived in style, chauffeured in a vintage Bentley!

Throughout the afternoon Doreen rose magnificently to the occasion, which was not only an enjoyable gathering for all friends and family who attended, but a rekindling of extended family links for the descendants of Frederick Linford of "Linford Corner" fame! (See www.dersinghamhistory.info/Linford-Family.html)

Doreen was quite overwhelmed by what she felt was such a dreamlike celebration and wishes to thank all those involved in making it so special. It was indeed a truly remarkable day for such a remarkable lady.

After a couple of days to recuperate, Doreen was taken out for the afternoon by a few close relatives who'd stayed on in the village. Even as I write this piece a week on, Doreen's front room still looks like a florist's shop!!

(Photos can be viewed here: photos.app.goo.gl/9zJU49t1vxPSy5). □



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Summer is over. Autumn's chilly days have arrived. We have no more excursions until our Christmas lunch at Knight's Hill on Friday 20th December. We look forward to lots of our members and their friends joining us then. Members' lunches will be subsidised so they will pay £25.00, but their guests will pay £30.00. We do get a lovely meal and everyone in their festive jumpers is always a cheerful sight.



Marianne Charles

On Friday 18th October we shall be at Dersingham Village Centre when Dr Ian Bedford will be talking about "Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden". And on Friday November 15th we shall be hearing Rachel from Rachel's Plants (including plant sale).

Our August speaker was Marianne Charles, a Founder Member of the club. She brought specimens of dozens of plants that grow well in her amazing garden and told us how to look after them.

On 19th July we had our annual Flower Show. We had a wonderful response from members to the ten categories of entries. Members voted for their favourites and the Best in Show were flowers brought in by Susan Field.

Meetings are held at Dersingham Village Centre between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Entrance is £3.00 which includes tea and raffle ticket. Visitors are very welcome. Do come and see how you like us. Information about talks and the venue can be obtained from our Secretary, Gloria Pantling on 01553-671912.□



Sue Field and Gloria Pantling



Members voting at the Flower Show.

**Phobbies: Hobbies club for those
with and without physical difficulties**
Margaret Ponder

Phobbies has been running in Dersingham for nearly forty years but is still very active. Originally it was set up exclusively for people who had physical disabilities but now we have a wonderful mix of all types of disability and none, with everyone coming each week to tackle some sort of craft or art project, but equally to enjoy everyone's company. There is always a lot of laughter! Everyone helps each other and there is an active card games group after lunch. The subscription each week is only £2 and for that there is free tea and coffee with biscuits.

Our membership stands at twenty-two, with about half having a disability and the others not and aged from forties up to eighties. We try to arrange art tuition from time to time, with other hobbies being learnt from expertise within the group. Every couple of months we have live music in the afternoon. If you fancy trying your hand at painting, drawing, rug making, knitting, crocheting, paper crafts or anything else, please come and join us. Maybe you have done things in the past and would like to try again or have a half-finished project to complete.

As those of us who enjoy running the club get older, we are keen to ask if anyone would like to come and help. Please come and visit us between **10.00am and 2.00pm any Thursday** at the Social Club on Lynn Road or contact **Maggie on 07967 799816**. Even if you wouldn't want to come regularly you are very welcome to just come and visit.□



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All Change

The General Election was called for July the fourth,
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A landslide victory for the Labour Party, again in first position,
For fourteen years in the wilderness, now back with a new vision.

Election hype, with debates and hustings were full of strife,
Taking over all media, and most discussions in life.
The electorate was peeved, enraged, disillusioned with the government;
The summer election announced in a downpour, raised even more discontent.

Visits from local canvassers were few and far between,
Folk commented that a single canvasser was the only one they'd seen.
The character of a General Election didn't overwhelmingly emerge,
Instead, this one was confused and angry, calling for a government purge.

With internal feuding, donations drying up, the campaign manager was
blamed;
Party figures investigated for alleged betting on election dates was claimed.
The people emphatically rejected the party that now seemed incompetent,
With a landslide vote of just 34%, our Prime Minister is now a new gent.

A change in the political map of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been
drawn,
A huge gap in share of votes and seats in this new dawn.
However, the underlying symptoms and unhappiness have not gone away,
Promises are made that new housing and windfarms will be here one day.

New government, new leader, new Cabinet at Westminster.
External factors create pressures uncontrollable by any Prime Minister.
Difficult times produce difficult politics, even some that are bent;
A sobering thought is... 'Form is temporary, however Class is permanent...!!!'

Lorna MMXXIV

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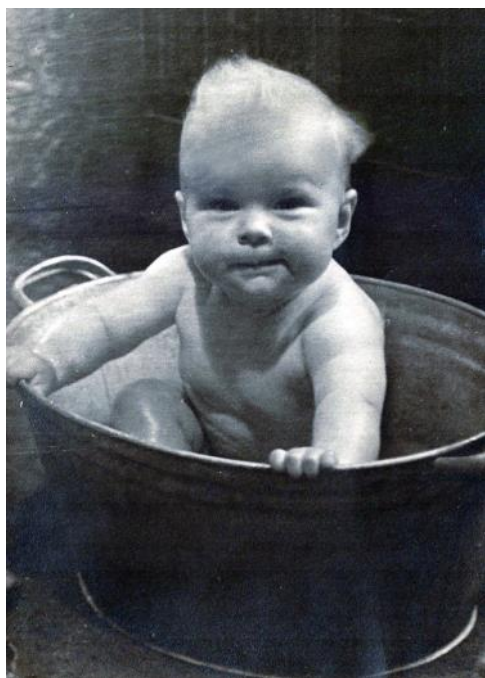
The Power of the Internet

Valerie Anckorn

I waste an awful lot of time on Facebook – but I tell myself it's giving me breathing space, allowing me to rest instead of rushing around (oh, how I wish I could rush – old age has slowed me down to almost stopping point.)

A lot on the internet is good, a lot is a load of lies, and a lot is trolling by horrible people stirring up emotions and doing no good at all.

But hark! I received an email from a man in Canada claiming to be the son of my father's childhood friend before he had emigrated. He told me he had a number of photos of my family and me, together with a couple of letters. I wondered if this was some kind of scam whereby he would somehow, through my reply, manage to get into my bank account and rob me of my savings. All £3.00 of them.



Valerie in tin bath



Valerie mowing the lawn

The man, Kit, said he would be sending off a parcel to me – I needed to remind him of my address, please – that very day. I admit I was dubious, but only a couple of days later - a mail record surely - a large envelope arrived revealing, when opened, a bundle of photos, many of which I had never seen, including one of me as a child 'mowing the lawn' and a faded, typed letter from my father to his friend, written in the early years of the Second World War in Manchester, where he was working as a journalist on a local newspaper. He would have been around twenty-seven at the time. Here is what it said:

'My dear old pal. Many thanks for your letter. It is just what I expected of you too. I know just what a sacrifice it would mean for you to take Margery and Valerie, to say nothing

about Brenda and her kid (Kit's family). It would mean a lot of trouble, I know. However, I can't send my little family over just yet. There are no boats sailing, and after the swines torpedoed that refugee kiddies' boat, I can't give myself the anxiety or responsibility of sending my dearest possessions. Put yourself in my place and think what it would mean.

But your offer has proved to me how much of a pal I have over the water. When this war is over, I shall try to make contact with you somehow, and really tell you how I feel. Even if it's only a phone call.

At the moment, I am sitting in a hut of sandbags, high up on a warehouse rooftop looking over Salford and Manchester. I can see the ribs and blackened spars of many buildings in the half light of the evening. It's just beginning to settle down for the night and the sirens. I'm a roof spotter and fireman no. 6. I have to deal with bombs and casualties here in this sector. The Jerries will begin to come over in about half an hour or so.

Margery is at home, about ten miles away. I leave here about midnight, and on the motorcycle dash through the empty streets, lit by the guns and bombs and German parachute flares, to Margery. She will just be going to bed in the shelter.

I've made a steel shelter, with 180 tons of thick turf on top, surrounded by a fourteen-inch blast roof of brick and mortar, with heat and electric light, 100 yards from the house, at the bottom of the garden. Inside are beds and a cot for the kiddy. The whole thing is underground and safe from everything but a direct hit. It has taken me nearly a year to complete.

By the way, excuse the typewriter. This is a very old one, for use in typing our reports. The other night, we were wakened by the thud of the bombs, and heard the planes coming nearer and nearer. Then, a salvo from our guns, and Jerry unloaded everything he had right overhead. Luckily, the trajectory took them just too far, and they crashed into the field next to where we were in the shelter. What a hell of a noise. The whole place seemed to rock back and forward for a minute, then, as the dust settled, we took a look. The farmer had the whole of his field ploughed for nothing!

We had one time a torpedo 400 yards away, but they got to it before it went off, thank the Lord.

Otherwise, we're all happy and smiling. There's a dirty smell of broken glass everywhere in Dunton Green. Dad's glasshouse is a 'was' and so are a lot of other people's.

Brenda, I forgot to tell you, had another baby a month ago. A boy again, so she will not be able to leave the country for a long time.

So, old chap, the sirens are going. Must do up my helmet and stand to. I'll mail this on my way home but will write again soon.

Can't tell you how happy your letter made me. I know that when things get easier, I'll be able to get my loved ones to a place where I know they'll be looked after."

The reference to the refugee kiddies' boat is very poignant. The Government decided to evacuate children from the dangers of bombing in London to Canada and America and the ship, *The City of Benares*, was filled with ninety children, some paying passengers and various others. There were nineteen other ships escorting them, but when 'safe waters' were arrived at, the escort ships peeled off, then a German submarine got busy and torpedoed and sank the ship. After this awful tragedy, parents were understandably

not keen to send their children overseas!

To think that I might have ended up in Canada in the home of my father's friend is a bit mind boggling...

I remember my mother telling me that the river Mersey was at the end of their garden, where the shelter was, so she worried that a bomb might breach the banks, and the river pour into their place of safety. So much to worry about during the war!

It was also exciting to discover newspaper reports of my parents' wedding, and a list of the presents they received, including a piano, entire household linen, oak cabinet, fireside chair, fish knives, oh, and a whole host of other things that would fill up this page. (When I got married I got very little, but remember a couple of awful peach damask tablecloths...)

As to the photographs Kit sent me, there were a couple of what Dad had pencilled in as 'digs'. I didn't know if this was his bachelor pad, or where both my parents lived. I recognised none of the furniture, so guessed what was there belonged to the rooms they were renting, but with the aid of a magnifying glass, I spied a row of little rabbits on the top shelf of a display cabinet. Ah ha. I remember them! Mum had them on her dressing table, and I still have two survivors – so both my parents lived there.



Dad in Manchester digs, 1949

I can't explain how excited I felt at this bonus parcel from out of the blue. It revealed family history that I had been unaware of – a little of my own unremembered past life and maybe a totally different life, had I been shipped out on a boat to Canada as well as a reminder of the good side of the internet!

I do have a couple of memories of when I was around two in Manchester around that time. (Mother demanded our return to live in Kent again, as she didn't want me with a northern accent, so I was two when we went back down south.) I remember trying to climb up the steep metal steps of an old-fashioned tram to get on the top deck – we seemed to go on them quite a lot – my little legs had a big stretch. I was also intrigued the trams could travel in either direction. They had controls either end. There was a turntable affair which might have been for the trams, or perhaps a train, but I remember being on one when it went onto the turntable, was turned around, and then the vehicle went off again. An odd memory.

I also remember the fear I had when crossing a part of the river. I remember walking across concrete, but no water flowing where it usually did, and wondering why my mother

didn't realise how dangerous it would be when the river came again. I often wondered what that memory was all about and thought that probably there was a lock nearby. I did a bit of sleuthing on Google, and there was!

I also remember being on crowded trains going to London which were filled with cigarette smoke and soldiers. Mother and I had to sit on our suitcases in the corridor. I can still visualise the hustle and bustle of the station, where porters were willing to take your bags, put them on a trolley and push it to the taxi ranks. Soldiers, cigarettes, smoke from the engines, hustle, bustle, noise, confusion, whistles and green flags being waved for the off. I made sure I clung onto my mother's hand!

In Dersingham recently there has been a lot of loud overhead activity from jets – practising, no doubt – but that horrible noise doesn't affect me like a recording of a 'buzz bomb' while I was researching on the internet. I felt sick, I shook all over and felt really frightened. As a child I don't remember being scared during the war, but clearly the 'flight or fight' mode was set into action by the noise I heard, so long after the event.

Wars are awful – so many people killed, maimed or injured at the behest of one or other of a pumped-up arrogant psychopath, darkly charismatic enough to get others to do the business. But that's not what I'm here to write about. Just that, for one old lady, the internet has turned up trumps and set wheels in motion for a very gratifying result. □

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Dersingham Evening W.I. Katrina Mundy, President

Our speaker for July was Judith Key who gave a talk/demonstration on "Painting the Landscape". Judith is a well-known Norfolk artist and started her talk with a blank canvas. By the end of forty minutes there had appeared a beautiful painting of a small lake and trees. Her talk was also full of funny anecdotes of events while she was out painting.



In August our first outing was a Village Quiz Walk devised by Jackie and Ruth. Those of us doing the Quiz Walk met at Thaxters for a pre walk coffee and then set off on our route with our quiz sheet in hand. Thankfully the weather was not too warm as it had been of late.



I hope the people living down Chapel Road did not mind strange women looking over garden fences and hedges trying to find the answer to the clues. Some of us walked up and down for a while until we realised the answer was on the wall in front of us.

We had hoped to end at Petals for lunch but unfortunately we received a telephone call that morning to say it was closed due to illness. This meant that with the last clue taking us to The Feathers we then walked back to Thaxters for a well-earned drink and slice of cake (well that was my excuse). Most of us had got nearly all the clues correct and next time I especially must make sure to read the question correctly so may then get full marks. Well done Jackie and Ruth for some brilliant clues.



Our next event was on 21st August when we held our annual afternoon tea at Orchard Close Community Hall. Thirty members attended and enjoyed a lovely buffet tea made by Sally G, with some members taking home doggy bags.

Eight of our members were presented with an engraved slate coaster for their long service to Dersingham Evening W.I. by the President Katrina. Joan Schorah notching up sixty years and Phyl Jones fifty-eight years. The other members who were also presented were Dianne Neeve fifty-four years, Rispah Reynolds fifty-two years, Pam Manship forty-seven years, Julie Cole forty-two years, Shirley Jones twenty-nine years and finally Shirley Brookes twenty-five years. It turned out to be a lovely afternoon with plenty of conversation and good company.



Joan Schorah



Phyl Jones

Dersingham Evening W.I., like most clubs, cannot survive without the support of its members and we thank all, especially the ones mentioned above, for all their hard work and support over the years. Many have held positions on the committee, with a few of them being past Presidents.

Our Craft and Book Club groups restart in September as well as our Morning Coffee meetings. Our evening meeting in September is "A Cheesy Chat" by Cheryl Cade which also includes samples. (I will miss this one – I always seem to miss the free sample meetings.) Cheryl is a qualified Beer and Cheese Educator and an Academy of Cheese trainer. Her talks cover How we Taste, and the history and tasting of cheese. This should be quite an evening, although I don't think it includes the beer part of the talk. Pity!

We are hoping in September to have had a go at the Mini Golf at Sandringham and Wendy is already taking names for the Panto in King's Lynn (Oh no she isn't).

Our Dining group is hoping to have another outing in October, but we are not yet sure where.

The October evening meeting is Susan Parry talking about "The Tragic Case of Florence Maybrick", an American woman married to an Englishman and who lived in Liverpool. She was unfortunately charged with his murder in 1889 and was given a death sentence, but due to public outcry at this, was imprisoned for fourteen years. She returned to America and finally died alone and penniless in 1944. Sounds like this will be a most interesting talk.

The committee have started to look to our 2025 programme and are busy setting up talks and demonstrations, but I will write more of this nearer Christmas (sorry to mention the C word).

Our monthly meetings are mostly held on the third Wednesday of every month in St Cecilia's Church, Dersingham at 7:15pm. Posters advertising these are usually up around the village.

If you would like to know more about Dersingham Evening W.I. please contact Katrina on 01485 544773 or Ann on 01485 542847. □

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As the summer holidays come to a close, it's time to look back and reflect on some of the achievements from the end of the school year, as well as look forward to new challenges ahead.



Area Sports Medal winners



Area Sports team

After a successful Olympic-themed sports day, a team of children from Year 2 to Year 6 went on to compete in the annual Smithdon High School Area Sports. It was the most significant medal haul on record, in both the track and field events, with the school entering a huge team, enabling many young people to experience a truly competitive event, some of them for the first time. The children were very proud of the teams' accomplishments.

The Eco-Council's superb effort over the course of the year was rewarded with the prestigious Green Flag. The feedback reflected the council's commitment to climate change, both globally and within the community, alongside ecological lessons within the curriculum across all year groups and key stages. Reference was also made to their contribution in the school's recent 'Good' Ofsted report.



Green Flag Awards

The Sports Council obtained the School Games Gold award, which is testament to their superb involvement organising and supporting sporting events, both within school, local competitions and county tournaments. They are forging pathways through local clubs to get more children involved in a variety of sports. In addition to this, they have encouraged older children to take on young sports leader responsibilities, as positive role models within the school.

The annual Flower Show at Sandringham was a humming success, with the school's bee-themed artwork. The West Norfolk and King's Lynn Bee Keepers' Society acted as the

stimulus for the work after their visit earlier in the year. Although it was disappointing that the King and Queen were unable to attend, the school received a plethora of compliments on its bright display. The school will be eagerly planning their theme ready for next summer, which will come round quickly!

As autumn unfolds and the children are welcomed back after the summer break, the school is readying itself for more changes and challenges as it embarks on its next journey. We look forward to building on the school's success and forging even stronger bonds within the community. □



Bee artwork display at the Sandringham Show

1st Dersingham Rainbows go Pig Racing!

Lynne Wheeler, Rainbow Leader

Just before they broke up for the summer holidays, the 1st Dersingham Rainbows headed off to Church Farm Rare Breeds Centre in Stow Bardolph.



The Rainbows had a great day! They got to meet lots of animals, getting up very close to them to say "Hello." These included some friendly sheep and goats, a donkey, massive pigs and some very excitable piglets! They also enjoyed a tractor trailer ride around the farm when they got to feed the pigs carrots! The day ended by watching the famous Church Farm Pig Racing - not to be missed - where the Rainbows cheered on their favourite.



In between meeting all the animals, the Rainbows had time to play in the adventure playground and the hay barn, enjoy their pack lunch, visit the gift shop and have an ice cream. All the Rainbows and their leaders had a lovely day, with some even falling asleep on the coach ride back to Dersingham. □

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Artificial Intelligence - AI and 'I Am'

There has been much interest in the capability and challenges of AI (Artificial Intelligence). According to IBM, the computer firm, 'AI is technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy.' Some have raised concerns about the possible impact that AI could have on human life. AI, such as ChatGPT, can be used to create images and writing which can be helpful, depending on the context. Some academics have helpfully compared the potential impact of AI with that of the introduction of the handheld calculator, which is of help and assistance, but has not dominated human life, but rather has assisted. Where does Artificial Intelligence land in relation to God?



The Bible says that God is the creator (Genesis 1), a living God (Jeremiah 10), who is relational and seeks us to respond to his love, grace and mercy (John 3:16-17). We do that through being in fellowship together and worshipping God, honouring and giving him the glory through our faith. God at work shines through the power of the Holy Spirit living in Christian believers, not repeatable by the likes of ChatGPT. God is not fake or artificial, he is the supreme intelligence, and it is joyful to worship him and know him personally in my life. In the account of Moses encountering the burning bush, which was not consumed by fire (Exodus 3:14), Moses asked of whom he was speaking, God responded with: "I am who I am". God won't be replicated by AI, he is the 'I Am'.

Notices

Youth Café - For young people at high school, we are pleased to have launched the Youth Café at The Well Café, Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall (Hill Road) PE31 6NZ, ideal for those returning on the school buses from Smithdon High School (Hunstanton) and Alderman Peel High School (Wells). Young people have said they want somewhere to 'hang out with their mates'. The drop-in Youth Café will offer free barista drinks and homemade cakes each week! There will also be optional games and activities available including table tennis, suction archery, chess, board games, and other creative fun games.

Especially on winter nights the youth café provides a place of warmth and safety rather than an empty house to go to if parents are out working. Andy and Jane are leading this safe place to drop in, where Wi-Fi and phone charging is available. The Youth Café runs weekly during term time on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 5:30pm.

Young People, we look forward to welcoming you to your Youth Café!

Armistice Day (11th of the 11th): A short act of remembrance will start at 10:55am at the Dersingham crossroads war memorial (Hunstanton and Station Roads). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday (10th November): The annual service will begin at 10:30am in St Nicholas Church, Dersingham, with the names of the fallen from Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe and Shernborne read out by representatives from the respective villages. We are hoping to offer tea and coffee after the remembrance service using the new kitchen. With that in mind, the work on the accessible toilets and kitchen is progressing well and we look forward to this much needed improvement becoming a reality.

Blessings

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The Privilege of Looking

Lesley Nadel, The Arts Society North West Norfolk

On Monday, 14th October 2024 at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm, The Arts Society (North West Norfolk's) accredited guest speaker will be Lydia Baumann telling us about NG200 – Celebrating 200 years of the National Gallery. A guide and lecturer at the National Gallery for thirty-five years, Lydia will share some of its headline-grabbing stories against the backdrop of its most exquisite paintings.

Now is a good time to join us as an annual member at the start of our 2024/2025 season. Come and enjoy a range of benefits - nine monthly talks which cover a wide range of subjects, trips and tours in the UK and abroad, interesting study days, regular newsletters and magazines, and a warm welcome from a very friendly society. The Society's motto is 'More Art for More People' – the arts should never be 'elitist'.

'Art Galleries stand as cultural sanctuaries, preserving and showcasing the beauty of human creativity through the ages'. An art gallery is a place to display and do business with art. We get to see the real thing in all the glory that reproduction somehow loses. Since the 1700s the public have been able to view many of the world's amazing masterpieces, commissioned by the Church, aristocracy or wealthy patrons, and previously only available to the privileged classes. The Museo Capitolini in Rome is credited with being the first art museum when Pope Sixtus IV donated six bronze statues of great symbolic value to the people of Rome. However, public access was not granted until 1734. A public art gallery is there to collect, conserve, exhibit and interpret for the benefit of anyone who wants to visit. By the eighteenth century in England public exhibitions were getting enough support whereby the Royal Society of Arts established and began organizing annual shows. This then led to the opening of public galleries.

Galleries and museums have long relied on generous donations and bequests from private collections and philanthropists during their lifetime, upon death or through some established foundations. Major gifts and endowments from wealthy collectors have helped galleries and museums acquire other works of art, as well as supporting their financial security.

The roots of art collecting began with the ancient civilisations primarily in Egypt, Babylonia, China and India. But it was with the rise of the Roman Empire that art collecting really came to the fore. From 27 BCE to 138 AD, from Augustus to Hadrian, an art market was created. The Italian Renaissance is perceived as the origin of the modern-day museum and one of the most important collectors of that time were the Medicis of Florence. The many princely Italian collectors were followed by members of royalty and the aristocracy. In the seventeenth century and during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries many of them began to donate their huge collections to museums for the viewing public to see. Continuous collecting has evolved alongside fashion and is essentially linked to the development of the world's most famous art museums and private collections.

".... the true collector's only home is his own museum." (Orhan Pamuk.) Great collectors can be very secretive about their artworks, but many have a desire to share, like Francois Pinault, the French billionaire, who is quoted saying "the desire to possess – born at the moment I first came into contact with art – has been transformed into a profound need to share."

Galleries and museums have been major beneficiaries of some of the world's prestigious art collections. The fabulously wealthy Penny Guggenheim was ahead of her time by

discovering and nurturing a whole new generation of artists producing a new kind of art. She then, along with her Uncle Solomon, founded The Guggenheim Museum in New York and changed the face of twentieth-century art. Now the public access is over one million a year and many millions of digital followers.

Recently contemporary artworks have been bought in such large quantities by super-rich billionaires who have built new privately-owned museums. Rather than just leave their extensive collections in locked vaults they are choosing to share them with the public in these new 'ego-seums'.

Public engagement with the arts enriches not only the cultural and educational landscape but also the preservation of our artistic heritage for future generations. What would it have been like never to see the Mona Lisa, the Warhol, the Farnese Collections etc? All too often the art world is one where money talks and wealth whispers. We are grateful to those collectors and benefactors who wanted to share so that art for everyone can live on in public galleries and museums. The privilege of looking will continue.

New members are welcome to join our Society, and details are on our website www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk □



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RunSandringham 2024

Weren't the Paris Olympics just fabulous; the spectacular surroundings as well as the sport itself? Much closer to home, as the Olympics entered its final weekend, on Saturday 10th August and without fanfare or dramatic ceremony, the 24-hour RunSandringham event produced some equally fantastic results.

Just like in Paris, locals were inconvenienced by roads being closed over the two days, an inconvenience for the majority to the benefit of a small, but select, minority. But RunSandringham is designed to attract a wide participation, including teams running in relay, individuals wanting to better their personal best or just wanting to have a go at a five-mile run.

This is not to be confused with the five-km parkrun which starts at 9:00am every Saturday morning at Sandringham. The best ever turnout for that was 415 runners on the day of the King's Coronation, but 10th August 2024 clocked 414 runners. A quite extraordinary figure for such a rural area, although the number was boosted by some using it to warm-up before the big one!

The 24-hour event started at 12noon on Saturday and the runners set off in batches. How they completed the run, and how many miles they ran was up to them: tow tHohey could run continuously, or with breaks between each lap, or however they wished. Some ran as individuals or in pairs, others as larger relay teams.

Sandringham Estate entered a team of twelve from a range of departments there, under the team name 'Regal Runners' running as a relay. In total they ran 29 laps – 145 miles, almost precisely the road distance from Sandringham House to Windsor Castle.



Regal Runners

One team member illustrates just what can be achieved: Nicky Pentney used to say that she would happily walk for miles, but running was definitely something that she couldn't do and wasn't at all interested in trying. In 2022 she went along to a staff 'Couch to 5km Programme' and decided to sign up for it. Guess what, she loved it! She then helped organise a similar course in 2024 and was one of the Regal Runners team, running five miles non-stop on both Saturday and Sunday! And she's already asking if she can be in the 24-hour team again next year!!

That 145-mile effort topped the 125 miles clocked up by another local team. The difference is that the 125 miles was achieved by just two people, not twelve. They were Katie Moyle who works at Sandringham and her running mate Louis Jones from Wolferton. They ran to raise funds for the charity Papyrus, dedicated to the prevention of suicide amongst young people, and made famous by the Three Dads Walking, one of whom is from Shouldham, just the other side of King's Lynn.



Katie Moyle



Louis Jones

Katie has once before run an Ultra Marathon, that is a 50-mile run, so this wasn't her first time out in the super-stakes, but Louis had never run a marathon before, and whispers suggest that he had not really devoted much special training for it.

Katie and Louis had a target to raise £1,000 for the charity and when it was all counted up, in fact they had exceeded that amount and sent a whopping £2,045 to the charity. So, very well done to all who took part, but with a particular call-out and congratulations to Katie and Louis for having the idea, preparing for it, delivering on the day and raising so much for a well-deserving charity. Super-stars indeed.□



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Top Five Self-Assessment Myths Debunked

Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

HMRC regularly publish documents which are intended to be helpful to the taxpayer, and in late August one was issued entitled "Need to register for Self-Assessment? Top 5 myths – debunked". The myths are:

- "HMRC hasn't been in touch, so I don't need to file a tax return."
- "I have to pay the tax at the same time as filing my return."
- "I don't owe any tax, so I don't need to file a return."
- "HMRC will take me out of Self-Assessment if I no longer need to file a return."
- "HMRC has launched a crackdown on people selling their possessions online and now I will have to file a Self-Assessment return and pay tax on the items I sold after clearing out the attic."

The help sheet then goes on to clarify that the taxpayer is primarily responsible for advising HMRC when self-employment starts and ends, when there is untaxed income over £2500 and when income exceeds £50,000 and the High Income Child Benefit becomes due. Tax is payable on 31st January following the end of the tax year (and also 31st July if payments on accounts are due) irrespective of when a return is filed. Once a taxpayer is within Self-Assessment (SA), returns will continue to be required until such time as HMRC advise (either at the taxpayer's request or of their own volition) that the taxpayer has been removed from SA.

So far, so good. Sadly, the position is not always as straightforward as it sounds, HMRC are indeed actively trying to reduce the number of taxpayers within SA and have recently removed those who earn under £150,000 but have little other income. The rationale behind this is, presumably, that HMRC will have received details of most sources of untaxed income direct from the payers and such income will be picked up and taxed via the PAYE coding system. However, the new policy seems to open up huge possibilities for over or underpayment, in several different ways:

- The higher rate relief on gift aid and private pension contributions will still need to be claimed.
- Even if UK bank interest is accurately supplied to HMRC and matched to the individual taxpayer, HMRC will not know about private or offshore interest which will still need to be declared.
- With the reduction in the tax-free dividend allowance announced in the 2022 budget many more individuals will need to declare and pay tax on dividends from listed shares. Even if such information could be supplied to HMRC by listed companies and investment managers/brokers (and is accurately matched) establishing a mechanism for HMRC to pick up private company dividends would also have to be considered.

Finally, there is the matter of the last myth: HMRC are indeed receiving increasing amounts of data on sales via the likes of eBay and Facebook. Those who are actively "trading" (buying and selling with a view to profit) on these marketplaces do need to keep proper records and register for SA if turnover exceeds £1000 a year – however, where the arrangements are purely domestic "decluttering", there is no tax liability.

In recent months we have seen a number of cases where taxpayers have been removed from SA despite having other sources of income which require declaration, but HMRC have refused to reinstate them on the basis that such income will be picked up and collected by coding notices. They seem to find it hard to understand that levels of untaxed income will vary from year to year, often quite considerably, as interest rates change and accounts are opened and closed.

In conclusion, it must always be worth instructing a suitably qualified professional to have matters checked, even if to you, on a first look, a Return is apparently not needed. This will avoid accidental under or over payments and will also give the opportunity to discuss personal tax matters generally, including the looming burden of Inheritance Tax which is likely to affect growing numbers in the next few years.

If you require any tax advice, whether personal or business, please contact us at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or kate@kathryngigg.co.uk.

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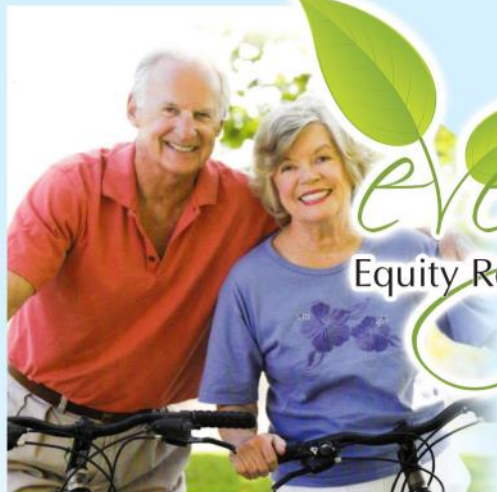
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Word Wall by Philip Neal

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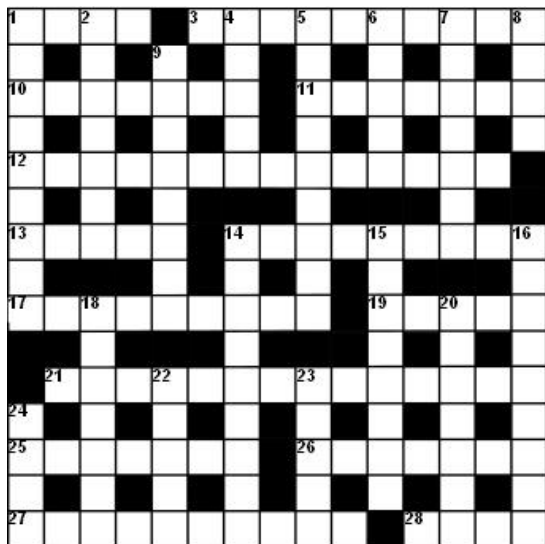
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Crossword by
Philip Neal

Across

- 1 Navy take on reserves in mountain pool (4)
3 Union assistant goes with mother in venture (10)
10 Alien at church in good impression (7)
11 Plaything can come apart (7)
12 Probation on a very quiet opening alongside Arctic vessel (14)
13 Restore trees again (5)
14 Bubbly Pam spent change to celebrate (9)
17 Floods of tears engulfed us at compounds (9)
19 Understand it makes fine radical (5)
21 All China strangely with us into illusions (14)
25 Rusty and very loud female in refurbished room (3,4)
26 Cocktail painting discovered in small BMW (7)
27 Cut English liver in Diss or maybe mullet (10)
28 Stone and silver cervine (4)

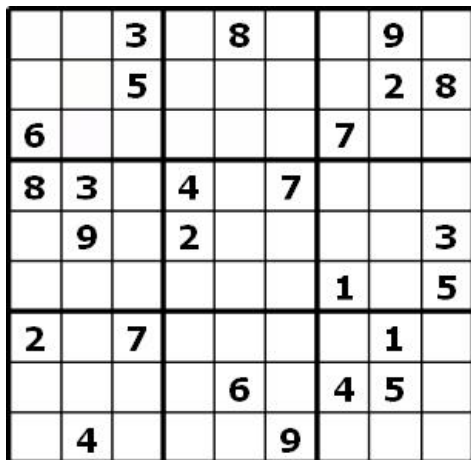


Down

- 1 Ruth uses a redesigned reference book (9)
2 Programmes using precise mixed ingredients (7)
4 Left partner recalculating girth (5)
5 Cot dreams tormented Biden supporters (9)
6 Surrounded by Nazis and caught in fine leg covers (5)
7 Surprising morning and in good form from start to finish (7)
8 Destruction caused by doctor turning up wearing spectacles (4)
9 Creditor about to see the boss (8)
14 Tortilla eaten in Cambridge vaults (9)
15 Mooring ropes found in redecorated pantries (8)
16 Somehow rinses scrambled egg while emerging (9)
18 Mixed fuel made wild rat weepy (7)
20 Amend list for person making arrangements (7)
22 Free from small room near Dover area (5)
23 Filipino madam entertains traveller (5)
24 Plenty on offer for bidder (4)

Answers on page 68

Sudoku





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Crossword Answers

Across

1 Tarn. 3 Bridesmaid. 10 Etching. 11 Meccano. 12 Apprenticeship. 13 Reset.
14 Champagne. 17 Saturates. 19 Infer. 21 Hallucinations. 25 Off form. 26 Martini.
27 Silverside. 28 Stag.

Down

1 Thesaurus. 2 Recipes. 4 Right. 5 Democrats.
6 Socks. 7 Amazing. 8 Doom. 9 Director.
14 Catacombs. 15 Painters. 16 Egressing.
18 Tearful. 20 Florist. 22 Loose. 23 Nomad.
24 Lots.

Word Wall Answers

Hairstyles: Chignon, Pigtail, Mohican, Bun
American Indians: Cree, Sioux, Cheyenne, Blackfoot

Butterflies: Admiral, Ringlet, Skipper, Hairstreak

Bosses: Leader, Governor, Chief, Foreman

Sudoku Answers

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