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ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN'S LAND Army and Timber Corps girls, who did such good service during the Second World War, and after, I and my husband would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evensong service so enjoyable at the St Edmundsbury Cathedral, for all the members of the large choir and Lord Tollemache, Lieutenant of Suffolk.

In the congregation, which almost filled the cathedral, most of us in our 80s, I expect some were in their 90s. Some were in wheelchairs, but all proud, like me, to show off their WLA badges.

DAPHNE STEBBINGS (nee Wise)
Shotley

IAM TRYING TO FIND PAM TRACEY (married name not known), who used to live in Pottergate, Norwich in the 1940s. Her dad was my mother's (Eva) brother and we called him Uncle Sonny. Any information please call 01603 452126.

MRS JUNE COONEY
Norwich

HERE ARE MY TIPS TO BEAT THE CREDIT CRUNCH: Don't throw away plastic bags that sliced bread comes in. Use them as freezer bags.

- Leave an opened box of washing powder in the "smallest room". No need to buy air fresheners.

- Put a sprig of mint into steamed vegetables. No need to add other sauces. Less expensive and comes with no calories too!

MARGARET HALEY
Norwich



IN JULY YOU PRINTED A LETTER CONCERNING the Pakefield Singers, a very successful group from small beginnings giving pleasure to audiences across the region. This prompted me to write to you about the Norfolk Millennium Male Voice Choir, facing an uncertain future after almost ten years.

Early in the year 2000, Neil Rout thought it would be a good idea to celebrate the Millennium by forming a Male Voice Choir. Much to Neil's delight, a letter to the local newspaper brought in over thirty members for the inaugural meeting. This grew eventually to a list of sixty members drawn from across the county. He persuaded David Storey to be the musical director and Claire MacArthur became the accompanist.

The choir presently meets, approximately fortnightly, on a Monday afternoon in St Andrew's Church, Eaton, Norwich and gives around ten concerts a year, culminating in a grand charity concert in the John Innes Centre each December.

Over the years, many thousands of pounds have been raised for various causes.

The wide-ranging repertoire of the choir consists of spirituals, hymns, folk songs, choruses from musicals and opera, as well as comedy songs.

Unfortunately, the choir has now reached a turning point as both Neil and David have announced that, following the last concert next December, they wish to retire. The future of the choir is therefore in the balance. Not all members of the choir will wish to continue (most are retired) but there would seem to be sufficient interest for some continuation.

The main requirement, apart from a new venue, would be for a musical director to take the choir forward. If anyone is interested in this challenging but rewarding opportunity then please contact choir member Christopher Williams on 01362-821407 or e-mail him at cjwilliams61@hotmail.co.uk.

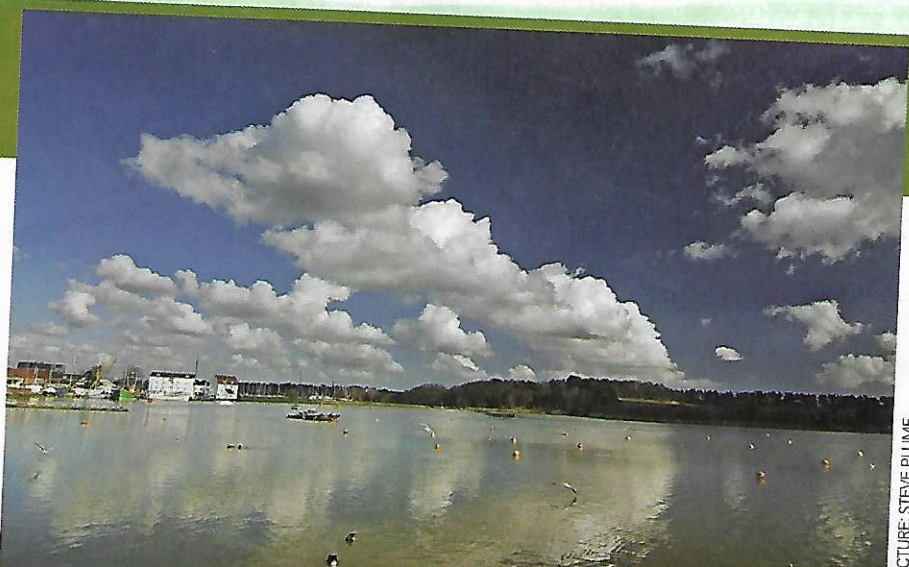
JAMES CLAYTON
Norwich

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MY FAVOURITE VIEW (ICONIC VIEWS, JULY) is our lovely River Deben and Tide Mill, when the tide is full. On a lovely summer's day there is simply no better place to be. I'd like to see a lovely picture of it in Let's Talk! my favourite magazine.

BARBARA GIRLING
Woodbridge

LET'S TALK! Happy to oblige Barbara



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