

**The SYDERSTONE
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SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

The Parish Council has arranged for vehicle activated speed limit signs to be installed on a trial basis at each end of the village.

They show the driver's speed, if the 30 m.p.h. speed limit is exceeded and have proved to be very successful in reducing traffic speeds.

We would like to see them installed permanently by the Norfolk County highways department, but as with everything else these days, it is a matter of cost.

WINTER GRIT

Norfolk County Highways grit the roads in winter using a gritting lorry. However they do not grit the foot paths.

For this purpose grit bins are provided for local villagers to use on the foot path, but we have to spread the grit ourselves.

There are five of them within the village and they are bright yellow, located at:

**Bottom of The Street, opposite Common End
Next to the phone box, opposite Creake Road
Ten Cottages, near to the village hall
Norman Way, at the junction with Heath Rise
Mill Lane, past the former mushroom farm**

HEAVY VEHICLE ROUTE

Heavy vehicles coming through the village centre continue to cause problems, particularly at the Creake Road junction with The Street.

Although some of it is down to inconsiderate operators, much is probably due to Sat Navs which select the shortest route irrespective of its suitability.

The route for heavy vehicles coming off the B1454 Docking Road and avoiding the village centre, is along Tattersett Road and Bluestone Road until the fork which joins Creake Road.

Years ago this route was clearly signed, but the signs have long since disappeared.

However following Parish Council discussions with Norfolk County Highways, the heavy vehicle route signs will be reinstated.

Albeit that they are only advisory, let us hope that vehicle operators observe them. After all it is to their advantage as well.

The poor road surface at foot of Tattersett Road past Wicken Pond where it joins the B1454 Docking Road, is due to be resurfaced sometime in the new year, which will improve the route.

WIND FARMS

As indicated in our September Newsletter, both wind farms will be considered at a joint Public Inquiry, which will commence on 31 January 2012 and run for four weeks. The Inspector's decision is expected in April 2012.

The planning application for the Chiplow wind farm at the bottom of The Street on the other side of the B1454 beyond the woods, was refused by the Borough planning committee.

As was the planning application for the Jacks Lane wind farm, on the left of Creake Road as you leave the village.

Both power companies, E.ON and RES, have appealed the refusal by the Borough Council, hence the Public Inquiry.

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www.syderstone.com/parish

HAPPY SNAPPING

The Syderstone Photographic Competition will take place in the Amy Robsart Hall on the 5th & 6th May 2012.

Enquiries to Ron Wetherell 01485 576029.

The Subject Categories are:

Landscapes
Portraits
Flowers
The Animal Kingdom
Black and White (Present Day)

Full details of the competition will be included with our March 2012 Newsletter.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrating sixty years of her reign will take place countrywide over the first weekend of June 2012, with both the following Monday and Tuesday being Bank Holidays, which effectively means a four day holiday for most of us.

A whole day of events is being planned for the village to come together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The most likely date being Saturday 2nd June next year.

In the afternoon the Church is planning to hold a Garden Fete in the grounds of the Old Rectory in Creake Road, with fun items for the whole family. An evening Bar-B-Q with live music and dancing is proposed to round off the day's events. A children's creative arts competition will held on the Jubilee theme, with prizes presented at the Bar-B-Q.

If you have other ideas or would like to offer assistance, please contact the organisers:

Garden Fate - Barrie Wells (578280),
Evening Bar-B-Q - Tom White (576011),
Elizabeth MacLeod (578392)

MORE DETAILS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

THE AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL

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Best Community Building Award

Since we did not hear from anyone after the last newsletter about what events you might like to see in the Hall, we hope that we are providing what is wanted!

A NORFOLK NIGHT

seemed to have been a great success! Pat Nearney had us all helpless with laughter, especially when he treated us to a non-stop impersonation of 60s stars and their music. Danny Platton had a wonderful singing voice and was no mean guitar player either! Norfolk cheese supplied by Roger Holme Foods of East Rudham went down a treat too!

VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA

In association with *Creative Arts East*

Tickets: £3.50 advance booking
£4.00 on the door
All films start at 7.30pm

There is only one screening left for this season.

Saturday 10th December ORANGES AND SUNSHINE (12A)

True story of the scandal of exporting orphaned British children to Australia which went on till the 60s. Emily Watson stars as Nottingham Social Worker Margaret Humphrys who exposed the matter and tried to remedy its effects.

Please call Avril or Malcolm on 01485 578588 or email avril.macarthur1@btinternet.com or call Sheila or Norman on 01485 578171 to reserve your tickets.

There will be a short break in the New Year and films will resume in March 2012.

SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Members of St Mary's Church send warmest Christmas Greetings to everyone in the parish, wishing them joy, peace and hope at this special festival.

We are delighted to contribute to the village Christmas celebrations by floodlighting the Church each evening in the run up to Christmas and then up to Twelfth night. This is made possible by generous donations from friends of St Mary's Church.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

We hope you will be able to join with us in our celebrations. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday 27th November at Green Park Centre
at 3 pm** (doors open 2.30 pm)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT by Fakenham Town Band with items by Blenheim Park School Choir
Tickets £4 (children free) incl refreshments

Sunday 11th December at 6 pm:

ANNUAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, with Blenheim Park School Choir. An early chance to enjoy the magic of Christmas and support the work of the Children's Society.

Tuesday 20th December at 6.30 pm:

SERVICE of LESSONS AND CAROLS
followed by Mince pies and mulled wine

Saturday 24th December at 11.30 pm:

MIDNIGHT MASS of Christmas

Sunday 1st January at 11 am:

Morning Worship for the New Year

Sunday 8th January at 6 pm

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 5th February at 6 pm

Evening Service for Candlemass

- see Church Notice board for more details of these events and all regular services.

Christmas flowers

If anyone would like to sponsor flowers in church in memory of a loved one or at other times to commemorate a special anniversary, please contact Jan Poulson, tel: 01485 578 796.

Prayers

Please advise us of anyone who is ill or in hospital and would like to be remembered in the Church's regular prayers. Also contact us to make arrangements for baptisms or weddings.

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION (PPG)

Great Massingham and Docking surgeries are pleased to announce the formation of the Massingham and Docking Patient Participation Group (PPG). The PPG is run, as part of a Government initiative, by a small committee of patients, and the aim of this group is to encourage a more positive relationship between the surgery and its patients, as well as working together on behalf of patients to help improve services and to promote good health. For more information about the PPG please email dockingandmassinghamppg@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively, leave your details at the surgery reception and a PPG member will get back to you.

WEST NORFOLK DEAF ASSOCIATION

West Norfolk Deaf Association is a local charity supporting deaf and hard of hearing people in West Norfolk.

Learning to cope with hearing loss and adjusting to life with hearing aids can be difficult. There are an estimated one in seven people in the UK with hearing loss, and in Norfolk, where there is a higher than average number of elderly people, 55% of people over the age of 60 are hard of hearing.

The Hearing Support Service is the largest of our many services and aims to provide thorough aftercare services for NHS hearing aid users in West Norfolk. Working alongside the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Audiology Team we provide practical support, servicing and advice for those with hearing loss. We visit many hundreds of patients at home and in residential care, in sheltered housing units and in our range of clinics around West Norfolk.

Our Great Massingham Surgery clinics run on the second Thursday of every month from 9.30am – 11.30am. Docking clinic runs on the third Thursday of every month from 9.30am to 11.30am. The clinics run as a drop-in system, no appointment is needed, though it will be necessary for you to let reception staff know that you are waiting to be seen. For details of our other clinics please contact us on 01553 773399.

You do not have to be a patient of the surgery to attend the clinics.

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