

The SYDERSTONE

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

You will be aware that the villages of Blenheim Park, Syderstone and Wicken Green are holding a series of events on 2nd June, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

In the afternoon, there will be a church fête held in the grounds of The Old Rectory, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White. This will be followed by an evening party, with BBQ and live music.

We are arranging a number of activities for children, including a bouncy castle and sumo wrestling, and several competitions, such as art, creative writing, & fancy dress, with prizes.

Help will be needed to make this a memorable day for adults and children alike. More details will follow, or speak to Barrie Wells on 01485 578280.

VILLAGE TORCH RUN

In the run up to the Olympics, the West Norfolk Sports Council are organising a fun run around the Borough. Cyclists will carry a torch (from the previous 1948 Olympics) from village to village and two volunteers (over the age of 14) are required to run with the torch through each village.

It will arrive by bicycle (courtesy of Kings Lynn Cycle Club) at 9:37 am on Sunday 3 June 2012 at the Tattersett Road / Ashside crossroads in Syderstone.

Two torch bearers are required to run it through Syderstone via Ashside, The Street & Docking Road to the B1454 (1.5 miles).

It will then be picked up by the cyclists and carried on to Tattersett village and East Rudham, to continue its journey around the Borough.

If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone to carry the torch through Syderstone, please contact ParishClerk@syderstone.com

(Note: this is not the official 2012 Olympic Torch)

NEW LOCAL SHOP OPENS

A new local shop has opened called **Four Winds Farm Shop**, which is on the site of the former Four Winds garage, where nowadays they do all the car washing, at the top of the hill on the way to Fakenham.

It is mainly fresh fruit and vegetables, but also stocks some essentials, for example milk and bread, together with some specialities which include quality meats, free range eggs, local cheeses and a Deli. It is open every day of the week.

On a visit to the shop you will be impressed not only by the quality of the produce but also by the wide range of fruit and vegetables available. The cheerful and helpful proprietor is Jake Blackmur.

We have lost our village stores in Syderstone and the surrounding villages, so let us wish Jake every success with his new shop – and buy his produce !

COUNCIL TAX

For the fourth year running there will be no increase in the Syderstone Parish element of our Council Tax bills. It is understood that both the County and the Borough are also holding their Council Tax at the same level. However there will be a 3% increase in the Police Precept, which equates to £5.76 p.a. for Band D properties.

Syderstone Parish Councillors

CHAIRMAN, Reg Thompson	01485 578508
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David Daly	01485 576222
Alan Schmidt	01485 576158
Gerry Taylor	01485 578524
Madeleine Thompson	01485 578422
Clerk, Brian Lloyd	01485 543094

There is a vacancy for one more Councillor on Syderstone Parish Council. If you would like to serve the community in this way, please contact the Chairman or write to the Clerk at:

Clerk to Syderstone Parish Council
2 Silver Drive, Dersingham
Kings Lynn, PE31 6YB

Parish Council minutes are online at:
www.syderstone.com/parish

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our 40th Anniversary

LOTTERY (100 Club)

Gerry Taylor, our Lottery Manager, is pleased to announce that the 100 Club is now in its 9th year. The first draw of the new Lottery year will take place at Coffee Morning on March 7th.

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

Saturday 17th March

TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY (15)

Eagerly awaited Big Screen version of John Le Carre's 1974 espionage classic. Gary Oldman excels as George Smiley – will he get an Oscar? Also starring Colin Firth, Benedict Cumberbatch, (the latest BBC Sherlock Holmes), John Hurst, Ciaran Hinds and Toby Jones.

Seedy, grimy, menacing - totally gripping.

Saturday 21st April

ONE DAY (12A)

Romantic comedy/drama

From Lone Scherfig (director of *An Education*) and based on David Nicholls' hit novel, serialised as a Book at Bedtime by Radio 4. Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess meet on the day of their graduation and continue to meet on the same day for 20 years. With a wonderful supporting cast including Patricia Clarkson, Jody Whittaker and Romola Garai, (remember her in *Glorious 39* and *Atonement*?).

This is glossy, fabulously romantic film making.

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 at only **£3.50**

Village Hall AGM

Will be held on 12th April at 7pm
ALL WELCOME!

It's nearly time for our
"OLD SYDERSTONIANS"
13TH REUNION

Saturday April 14th
2pm - 6pm

Each time the new "Old" Syderstonians come along, all are made very welcome. Why not join us for afternoon tea?

If you have anything to go in the "Old" *Syderstonian Newsletter*, please let Ken Edge have it by contacting him by March 26th at: 3, Haynes Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 2HS or email: kenneth636@hotmail.com

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OPEN DAYS 2012

Sunday 8th April

Monday 9th April

Sunday 6th May

Monday 7th May

Sunday 27th May

Sunday 24th June

Sunday 29th July

Sunday 26th August

Monday 27th August

Sunday 30th September

Combined with a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the closure of the base and a celebration of its life from 1918-1962 under Bomber and Coastal Command. Further details of this exciting event will be in the next Parish Newsletter

Open 11 am to 5 pm

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ART AT AMY ROBSART



SATURDAY 5 & SUNDAY 6 MAY 2012
[12 NOON to 4.30 PM]

In support of the “2012 Syderstone Art Exhibition & Sale”

at St.Mary’s Church, Syderstone

Members of the local Arts and Crafts group

“ART @ AMY ROBSART”

invite you to join them in the Amy Robsart Hall for a

SALE OF: Bags / Beads & Jewellery
Books / Bric-a-Brac / Jigsaws
Cards & Notelets
Craft Items
Drawings & Paintings (Framed and Unframed)
Jams/Marmalades/Chutneys
& lots of other ‘goodies’!

Come and play “0s and 5s” in a grand tombola!

**TEA/COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ON
SALE BETWEEN 12 NOON TO 4 PM**

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[20% of all drawing/picture sales and profits from sale items & refreshments will be donated to St.Mary’s Church, Syderstone]

SYDERSTONE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION & EXHIBITION 2012

will be held in **AMY ROBSART HALL, SYDERSTONE**

on **Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May 2012**

HELLO TO ALL YOU KEEN PHOTOGRAPHERS

- IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.

SO - LET'S MAKE 2012 A BUMPER YEAR FOR ENTRIES!

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - OPEN TO ALL AGES: Saturday 5th May

- Categories:
1. **LANDSCAPES**
 2. **PORTRAITS**
 3. **FLOWERS**
 4. **THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**
 5. **BLACK & WHITE (PRESENT DAY)**

Judge: Independent Judging -
Selection of winners to take place from 11.15 am Saturday 5th
List of category winners to be displayed in the hall after judging

Entry Requirements:
To assist the judges, please make sure that you follow the instructions given below:

1. Photos to be received between **9.30am** and **10.45am** Saturday 5th
2. Entry fee - **50p** per photograph
3. Photos to be mounted - cream or white board/card
4. Category of photo and title to be written on back
5. Name / address / telephone number must be written on back

Prizes: £5 for winner of each category

£10 for "People's Choice" winner

Voting to continue during hours of opening 12 noon – 4 pm Saturday & Sunday

Winner's name will be displayed on hall notice board from 4 pm Sunday

All winners' names will be published in the Parish Newsletter

[Return of photographs - Sunday 6th May between 4pm and 5pm]

EXHIBITION & VOTING FOR "PEOPLE'S CHOICE"

12 noon to 4.00 pm – Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May.

[Contact person for further details: Ron Wetherell 01485 576 029]

SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

On Good Friday 6th April we shall again be welcoming a party of young pilgrims from around the country who are walking from Ely to Walsingham bearing a large wooden cross. We shall be offering them a short period of rest and refreshment (hot-cross buns) as they pass through our village. We are very grateful to the Amy Robsart Hall for giving us the free use of the hall. We hope you will give the pilgrims a word of encouragement if you pass them on their way, or walk with them on part of the next leg of their journey to South Creake.

Special events

Sunday 18th March: **Mothering Sunday** service at 11.00 am at St Mary's Church with presentation of flower posies.

Sunday 1st April: **Palm Sunday** service at 11.00 am at St Mary's Church with presentation of palm crosses.

Good Friday 6th April: **At the Cross** - special services, at 9.00 am and at 10.15 am with the pilgrims.

Sunday 8th April: **Easter Sunday** - Choral Communion, 11.00 am

Eighth Art Exhibition & Sale of Paintings

Saturday 5th to Tuesday 8th May, St Mary's Church, 12 noon to 4.30 pm each day

Jubilee Weekend, 2nd - 3rd June

Saturday 2nd June: Afternoon Garden Party, followed by evening Barbecue, in the Old Rectory.

Sunday 3rd June: 3 pm St Mary's Church

Special service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

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

Easter flowers

If anyone would like to sponsor Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please contact Jan Poulson (tel: 578796).

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.

Brian Poulson, Reader 01485 578 796
Barrie Wells, Churchwarden: 01485 578 280
Chris Lewis, Churchwarden: 01485 528 555

WIND FARM PUBLIC INQUIRY

A personal view by Reg Thompson

I attended the wind farms Public Inquiry as an individual member of the public. It is run very much like a court of law, with the Inspector, Mr Robert Mellor, acting as the judge and in this case the jury as well.

The various parties, namely the two power companies, the Borough Council and the two local groups, called their expert witnesses on each subject, such as noise, geese, etc. The barristers then cross examine the witnesses to test their evidence.

I found the barristers pretty boring, they seemed to be more interested in discrediting the witness rather than the evidence, but there were some notable exchanges. The barrister for the locals groups, David Hart QC, conducted the most devastating and yet the shortest cross examination I have ever heard. And then there was the barrister, Marcus Trinick QC, acting for the Jacks Lane power company (RES). You may have seen him on the BBC television series "Windfarm Wars". Sharp as a razor, yet extremely polite with a beguiling sense of humour – one to watch out for.

The Inspector allowed me to speak on the subject of our local footpaths and bridleways. I explained how much we use them for walking the dog, riding a horse or just rambling around the countryside. Normally members of the public are only allowed about ten minutes, but the Inspector was generous enough to point out that I had been speaking for an hour, whereupon I thanked him, promised to be brief, and then continued for another half hour. The barristers for both power companies then cross examined me, one after the other, for a further half hour. So, we got two hours inquiry time devoted to Syderstone Common, Womack Wood and all the public paths around Jacks Lane between Stanhoe and The Creakes.

Other topics discussed in detail at the Inquiry were Landscape and Visual Impact, Noise, Nature Conservation, Cultural Heritage, and Planning Policy including the Benefits of Wind Energy (PPS22). Between them the Borough Council and the two local groups (ATAC & CAPE) put forward a case on each of these topics. In addition several local people made short pleas to the Inspector on various topics during the "public day" of the Inquiry and Henry Bellingham MP attended to speak on our behalf as well.

The Inspector will review the evidence presented at the Inquiry and announce his decision in April 2012. His decision will be final, save for an (unlikely) High Court action, which would have to be purely on a point of law.

I think that together we put up a good case, but the Inspector's decision will be based upon the government's instructions as expressed in Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and the proposed National Planning Statements (NPS). We will just have to wait and see.

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