

**The SYDERSTONE  
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An Oak tree was planted last month in the front of the church to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The tree was planted by two village children, who were winners in the Jubilee Fete Arts competition, namely Lola Bunting (9) and Hester Bateman (13), see above.

The tree planting was the Parish Council's contribution to the Jubilee celebrations and it joins the Coronation Lime Tree (1953) on the village green, and the Silver Jubilee Willow Tree (1977) in the village playground.

Many thanks to John Wetherell, who donated the tree and advised on its selection and planting.

More pictures on-line at:

[www.syderstone.com/JubileeTree](http://www.syderstone.com/JubileeTree)

### **MILL LANE IMPROVEMENT**

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Norfolk County Highways and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, have agreed a maintenance program to trim back the foliage along the lower part of Mill Lane in order to improve forward visibility for motorists. Work is expected to be completed early in the new year. Also discussed were improvements to the drainage in the lower part of Tattersett Road in order to avoid sand and stones being washed down to the bend at the junction with Mill Lane.

### **SYDERSTONE FOOTPATHS**

We have 8.6 km (5.38 miles) of public paths in Syderstone. In recent years many of the sign posts have disappeared. Together with Norfolk County Highways, the Parish Council is seeking to ensure that they are all properly sign posted again. If you witness anyone interfering with a footpath sign, please note the vehicle registration number and inform the Parish Council. A map of the Syderstone public paths together with a description of each path may be found on-line at:

[www.syderstone.com/paths.pdf](http://www.syderstone.com/paths.pdf)

### **VILLAGE FLOODS**

Of late we have experienced two floods in the village. The first was caused by exceptionally heavy rainfall, which flooded Mill Lane and the water then poured down The Street. The second was caused by a burst water main in Mill Lane. The situation is not helped at this time of year when leaves clog the grid to the street drains causing water to run over the drain creating a torrent further down The Street. The Borough Council do sweep the streets, but in the meantime we can help ourselves. If you have a drain in the road outside or near to your house and you see that it is clogged with leaves, then please sweep them away from the drain with a yard broom.

### **CLEAN IT UP AND SAVE MONEY !**

We have a number of responsible dog owners in the village. If your dog has an accident and fouls a village pavement, public foot path or common, then you must clean it up. There is no need to buy expensive pooh bags. Tesco and Morrisons sell tie handle food & freezer bags (medium size). They are made of a strong blue plastic and can be securely tied to contain the contents. They cost £1.40 for a pack of 45. That is just 3p each, which is a lot cheaper than a £1,000 fine.

**So please, clean it up.**

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Support our village hall and buy a ticket for the VH 100 Club. Cash prizes every month of £25, £15 and £10 – that is a total £600 prize money over the year. Contact Gerry Taylor on 01485 578524 for your £12 annual ticket.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

The five new dwellings in Mill Lane near to the village hall are nearing completion. The new road will be called Robinia Way – but why you ask ? Well the large tree on the right as you enter Robinia Way is a Robinia tree (*robinia pseudoacacia*) !

## THE OLD SYDERSTONIANS

The Old Syderstonians is open to all that currently live in Syderstone, have lived in the village or people who have a family connection with the village. There are no membership fees or entry fees – simply turn up and enjoy a convivial afternoon. For details of their meetings and newsletters please visit:  
[www.syderstone.com/syderstonian.htm](http://www.syderstone.com/syderstonian.htm)

## HEALTH WALKS

The Borough Council are organising a program of Health Walks, the aim of which is to encourage and support people who are trying to increase their activity levels and lead a healthier lifestyle.

All walks are led by trained volunteer leaders, walks are free and you do not have to book. The leaders are friendly and will support all walkers whether they are just starting out or have been walking regularly for a while. Look out for the new program for January to April 2013 in libraries and GP surgeries.

But in the meantime on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 at Burnham Deepdale there is a 3.5 mile walk. Meet at 2pm in lay-by opposite Cost Cutters.

Then on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 10.30 am join in the walk at Sandringham. This is a 2.5 mile walk, meet in the visitor centre car park. Stay for refreshments after the walk.

For more information, please call:  
**Jackie Squires on 01553 616657**

## POLICE COMMISSIONER

There was high drama in the recent PCC election. The Conservative candidate won the first round with a comfortable majority, but failed to achieve the requisite 50%. In the second round, independent candidate Stephen Bett stormed home to become Norfolk's first Police & Crime Commissioner.

Stephen, who lives in Thornham, is an independent Norfolk County Councillor and was the Chairman of the Norfolk Police Authority, which the PCC now replaces.

Full Election result at:

[www.syderstone.com/pcc2012.htm](http://www.syderstone.com/pcc2012.htm)

## RED TELEPHONE BOX

The village telephone box is a listed building, but has been sadly neglected by BT. The Parish Council, with the help of Henry Bellingham MP, have arranged for its refurbishment. The missing panes have been repaired and the lamp replaced. It will be included in BT's repainting program next spring.

## JUBILEE GARDEN

The Jubilee Garden to the rear of the church is nearing completion. The ground has been cleared, a lavender hedge planted and the grass has been sown. All that remains is the selection and installation of comfortable seating. It should be completed by next spring.

## Syderstone Parish Councillors

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Parish Council minutes are online at:  
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### **RAF BIRCHAM MEMORIAL PROJECT**

50<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the closure of RAF Bircham  
Newton - 30 September 2012

The Memorial Project team would like to send sincere thanks to everyone who supported this event and who helped to make it such a success. Especial thanks must go to the Project's hosts, the National Construction College (East), without whose support the event could not have been organized; to local friends and family members who worked so hard; and to the enormous number of visitors (well over 800) who joined in. Your support was overwhelming! 2012 has been a year of celebrations and this event ensured that RAF Bircham Newton's years of active service (1918-1962) and the ongoing success of the Construction College East (CTIB) were not forgotten.

2013 presents an exciting new challenge for the Project team. We have acquired additional space - allowing reorganization and expansion into a third museum room. If anyone would like to become involved with the work of the team, please contact either Dizzy (578527) or Avril (578588) who would be delighted to give you a tour of the museum and explain how you might help. Next season's first open days will be on Easter Sunday and Monday - a full list of 2013 dates will appear in the next Newsletter.

## SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The Rector and Churchwardens send warmest Christmas Greetings to everyone in the parish, wishing you all 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 the Feast of the Epiphany. 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, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm:**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, with Blenheim Park School Choir. The offering at this service will go to support the work of the Children's Society.

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm:**

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

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10 pm:**

PARISH COMMUNION for Christmas

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am:**

BENEFICE EUCHARIST in St Mary's, South Creake

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January at 6 pm**

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

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

### **Christmas Flowers**

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the flowers in church in memory of a loved one or at other times to commemorate a special anniversary, please contact Chris Lewis.

### **Prayers**

Please advise the Rector of anyone who is ill or in hospital and would like to be remembered in the regular prayers of the congregation. Baptisms and weddings are also by arrangement with the Rector.

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