

## **The SYDERSTONE**

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### **STREET LIGHTING**

The Parish Council are considering replacing the orange sodium street lamps with white LED lamps. LED lamps are the most efficient and would cut the parish energy bill as well as reducing our carbon footprint. We would welcome your views, particularly if you have experience of LED lighting elsewhere.

There might be the opportunity to improve our street lighting. If you are aware of a particularly dark spot, please advise us. We would need an existing electricity pole on which to mount the lamp and it would need to be within the village envelope, i.e. within the village speed limits.

One suggested location is in the vicinity of the former village shop. Since the shop closed this has become a particularly dark area, where The Street is at its narrowest and the pavements are small.

If you have any comments or suggestions please email our Parish Clerk or contact Cllr Malcolm MacArthur, who is the lead Councillor for this project.

### **ELECTRICAL WORKS**

Changes to EU regulations mean that lorries may now be higher than they used to be. This has meant that the cables across The Street need to be raised, which is what all the recent electrical work was about. Several poles had to be replaced with higher poles in order to raise the cables. The electricity cables are completed but BT Open Reach still has to raise the telephone lines. In some locations the old pole and the new pole are still there, but the old pole should be removed when BT have completed their work.

The brickwork surrounding the sub station in Norman Way was demolished in early January and not due for rebuilding until late April. However following the intervention of the Parish Council this work has been brought forward and should now be nearing completion.

## **COUNCIL TAX 2013/14**

From this year the government is no longer funding Council Tax Benefit (CTB). Instead it will be renamed Council Tax Support (CTS) and will have to be funded by Council Tax payers. The government are providing some transitional relief, but this will gradually be phased out, meaning that Council Tax bills will continue to rise over the next few years.

Syderstone Parish Council Tax will increase this year by £1.91 at Band D. This is equivalent to less than 4p per week for the 87% of Syderstone properties at Band D or below.

Both the Borough Council and the County Council, with their larger Tax Base and reserves, have decided to freeze their Band D Council Tax for this year, although they will have to address the problem in coming years.

The Police & Crime Commission (PCC) will increase their Band D Council Tax this year by £3.84.

The real shock will come to Holiday Home owners, whose present 10% discount will be halved to 5%, resulting in an increase of £75 at Band D.

**Footnote:** Council Tax is expressed at Band D, which is the midpoint of the range. Smaller properties (Bands A to C) pay less and larger properties (Bands E to H) pay more. The basic Council Tax payable in each band is expressed as ninths of Band D. The table below shows the ratio to Band D expressed as a fraction and as a percentage.

Band	Ratio	Percentage
A	6/9ths	67%
B	7/9ths	78%
C	8/9ths	89%
D	9/9ths	100%
E	11/9ths	122%
F	13/9ths	144%
G	15/9ths	167%
H	18/9ths	200%

These ratios would also apply to any increases.

## MILL LANE

The heavy rain and snow melt did not flood Mill Lane, so it appears that the drainage problem has been resolved. However it left the road surface badly pitted. The Parish Council has put the road repairs in hand with the County Highways department.

## BURNHAM GREEN LANE

Burnham Green Lane, sometimes called Sandy Lane, is the track which runs northwards from Syderstone pond to North Creak. For reasons, which have still not been fully explained, it disappeared from the Ordnance Survey and County Hall maps as a public right of way. It has taken three years of research, advertising and over 30 witness statements to achieve its reinstatement. The Planning Inspector now has established that it is a Restricted Byway and legally open to the public. The Ordnance Survey has agreed to show it again as such on their maps.

## PRESCRIPTION DELIVERIES

Docking and Great Massingham surgeries offer a free home delivery service for prescriptions if you are over 60 or medically exempt, i.e. you do not pay prescription charges. Phone Docking (01485 52136) or Great Massingham (01485 521137) dispensary for an application form. Docking deliver on a Wednesday and Great Massingham on a Thursday, but prescriptions must be signed for. Fakenham surgery does not offer this service outside of Fakenham.

## Syderstone Parish Councillors

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## SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that the Church is now unlocked daily, usually from approx 09.30 am to shortly before dusk. The more you pop in and out for a time of quiet, the less likely that anyone will have an opportunity to vandalise the building. If concerned by anyone's behaviour, call the Police, or one of numbers listed below:

Barrie Wells, Churchwarden: 01485 578280  
Chris Lewis, Churchwarden: 01485 528555  
or 07770 659527  
Barnie Wordsworth, PCC 01485 528450

### *Forthcoming Events*

Sunday Services are announced monthly on the notice board by the church gate.

### *Good Friday 29. March - Hot Cross Buns*

We will be hosting refreshments in the Amy Robsart Hall for the Ely Leg of the Student Cross Movement after their service in Church, approx 10:30hrs.

### *Friday 26 April 7pm - Bangers & Mash*

Bangers & Mash Supper followed by Beetle Drive and Raffle. Adults £5.00, under 12s free. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Book your places with Chris Lewis on 528555 by Monday 22 April.

### *Monday 6 May Mayday Bank Holiday*

Archdeacon's Charge; sponsored 10km fun run or walk in grounds of Raynham Hall. Join Fr Clive, Archdeacon John and others in raising funds to be shared between Air Ambulance and St Mary's church. Or take the easy way out and sign up to sponsor Fr Clive! More details on notice board in church tower room and forms on table by font

### *Sunday 30. June*

Open Gardens proceeds to church funds.

### *Easter 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.

Fr Clive Wylie, Rector 01328 823293  
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**THE AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL**  
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**HALL ROOF**

A Solar PV system has now been installed on the hall roof. The object of this exercise is firstly to create an income for the hall, secondly to reduce our electricity bill (one of our largest expenses) and thirdly to hopefully power heat pumps, to be fitted at some time in the future, to heat the hall more efficiently.

**100 CLUB**

To celebrate 10 years of the '100 Club', an important source of income for the hall, for the April draw only, the hall committee have agreed to double the prize money at the hall's expense. This means for April, 1st prize will be £50, 2nd prize £30 and 3rd prize £20 - Good Luck to all ticket holders.'

**OLD SYDERSTONIANS**

16<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm - 6pm  
Come & join us for tea and meet old friends!  
(Please note new date)

**VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA**

In association with *Creative Arts East*

**PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**SKYFALL** (12A)

**This year's BAFTAs Outstanding British Film**  
Quite marvellous and utterly British, starring Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes, Ben Wishaw, of *The Hour* and of course Daniel Craig. A wheezing Albert Finney also appears and there are a lot of other surprises, especially a very important car! It is surprisingly moving. Sam Mendes directs and makes the actors work so it is not just bangs and chases. The key to the film is a scene in the National Gallery with Bond looking at Turner's 'Fighting Temeraire' - the old outdated battleship being towed to her final resting place.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** (12A)

Stalwart UK director Mike Newell directs a new, concise version of Dickens, already noted for Helen Bonham-Carter's portrayal of Miss Havisham and Ralph Fiennes' snarling Magwitch. Jeremy Irvine (*War Horse*) stars as Pip, Robbie Coltrane as Mr Jaggers, Holly Granger as Estella. David Walliams and Sally Hawkins add light comedy as Mr Pumblechook and Mrs Joe.

**£3.50 advance booking, £4.00 on the door**  
**All films start at 7.30pm**

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OPEN DAYS 2013

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Sunday 5 May / Monday 6 May

Sunday 26 May/Monday 27 May

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August / Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Open 11 am to 5 pm at The National Construction College, Bircham Newton, Norfolk, PE31 6RB  
Free Admission and parking  
**www.rafbnmp.org.uk**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

With the expansion of the Centre, we are actively seeking volunteers to join the Project Team. If you enjoy meeting people, would be interested in working with a small group of curators at this local RAF Museum and would be available on six half days throughout the summer (Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays only), please contact one of the following:

David Jacklin at [djacklin@aol.com](mailto:djacklin@aol.com)  
Tel: 01379 741884 / 07779 429676

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