

The SYDERSTONE

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VILLAGE HALL POST OFFICE

The Bircham postmaster is retiring and the present post office service in Syderstone village hall will cease on 5 June 2013.

Postmasters are not directly employed by the post office, but are self employed businessmen who operate local post office services on a franchise basis. Therefore the continuation of the local service is by no means automatic.

However the Parish Council, together with the village hall committee and helped by Henry Bellingham MP, have been in negotiation with the post office management.

It does appear that our village hall post office will continue. There will be a short period of closure, whilst the new arrangements are put in place and the opening hours may be reduced.

Details will be placed on the Parish Council notice boards as soon as they become available.

FUN DOG SHOW

A fun dog show will be held on Sunday 30 June 2013 on the football pitch at the National Construction College, Bircham Newton. Entries from 9:00am, with judging commencing at 10.30am. There will be 30 classes covering Pedigree, Crossbreed, Handling and Novelty. Enter your pooch or just enjoy the fun.

Proceeds to Docking & Massingham surgeries Patients Participation Group. For full details see link below or call 01485 578380.

www.syderstone.com/dogshow.pdf

RAINBOWS

The Rainbows is a group for girls aged 5-7 years old and meets for an hour every Wednesday in the village hall from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. It is the precursor for the Brownies and Girl Guides. There are arts & crafts, games and songs, etc.

For the group to continue adult helpers aged 18 – 65 years are urgently required. If you would like to help this worthwhile cause please contact Rachel Felton on 07833 936373.

CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

May 2012 – April 2013

The year of 2012 started with drought orders, immediately followed by torrential rain which lasted all summer. The grass erupted along the highway verges, Mill Lane flooded several times spilling over into The Street, and an infestation of moles caused unscheduled closures of the village playing field, whilst the problem was addressed.

Although the Parish Council is not the Highways Authority, we have established an excellent working relationship with County highways, which resulted in the cutting of the verges, resolving the cause of the Mill Lane flooding, clearing the foliage along Mill Lane, and resurfacing both the foot of Tattersett Road and the Four Winds junction. Additionally the Highway Rangers visit the village every three months to undertake minor repairs and cleansing, which is organised via the Parish Council.

It was the Diamond Jubilee year of HM Queen Elizabeth II. There was a Jubilee Fete, the construction of a Jubilee Garden to the rear of the Church and the planting of a commemorative Oak Tree in the foreground of the Church. The Parish Council supported these events with a modest financial contribution, although the work was organised by the villagers themselves.

The village has 8.6 km of public paths which offer immense enjoyment to villagers and visitors. The Parish Council has commissioned a large map of the village showing the surrounding paths, which will be sited on the north face of the village hall.

The Parish Council has been successful in establishing Burnham Green Lane, which runs northwards from the pond, as a Restricted Byway. Although we have used it for many years, we now have a legal right to walk, ride a horse or pedal cycle, but motor vehicles are prohibited, except for agricultural purposes.

The Parish Council has extended the footway along Creake Road, which has made this dangerous bend safer and more enjoyable.

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The Parish Council has added the first 80 m of the footpath along the side of the Church to its grass cutting schedule in order to avoid it becoming impassable as happened last year. The Parish Council has negotiated an agreement with Longwater Gravel for a series of circular paths, together with car parking, to be installed as part of the restoration of Coxford Abbey gravel workings, which will extend our future access to the countryside.

Subject to a successful grant application, the Parish Council's major project for 2013/14 will be the installation of a new street lighting system using LED lighting. This gives a softer more defused white light, which is regarded as being more environmentally friendly. It also offers significant cost savings in terms of electricity and maintenance.

I conclude by thanking my fellow Councillors for their excellent teamwork this past year, together with a special thanks to our Parish Clerk, Brian Lloyd, and our Internal Auditor, Denise Goff, who together have made 2012/13 a successful year for our Parish Council.

Cllr Reg Thompson
Chairman, Syderstone Parish Council

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SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 30 June - Open Gardens afternoon, contact Barrie Wells for details on 578280.

Sunday 30 June - The Benefice Service will be held at North Creake Church at 10am.

Saturday 13 July - BBQ at 7 Chestnuts Drive, Wicken Green, Contact E Ronald on 528031 or Barnie Wordsworth on 528450.

Saturday 10 August to Wednesday 14 August - Flower Festival, contact C Maddocks on 528047 or C Lewis on 52855, if you are prepared to help.

Sunday 11 August - Festival Songs of Praise at 6pm

Regular Monthly Services

1st Sunday

8am Holy Communion
11am Morning Worship
6pm Evensong

2nd Sunday

11am Parish Eucharist

3rd Sunday

11am Morning Worship

4th Sunday

11am Parish Eucharist

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

Messy Church

The Messy Church is coming to Blenheim Park School. It is an informal monthly church meeting for families, with the emphasis on fun activities for children. There are fun & games, arts & crafts, stories, competitions and singing, together with refreshments. A great time for mum, dad and the kids. First meeting Friday 14 June, 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Contact: 01485 528450

Church Wardens

Barrie Wells 01485 578280
Chris Lewis 01485 528555 / 07770 659527

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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VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA

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Saturday 22nd June

LINCOLN (12A)

Epic and reverential biopic from Steven Spielberg with an Oscar-winning central performance by Daniel Day Lewis. Important also to mention Sally Field as Lincoln's wife and the meticulous work that has gone into recreating 19th century Washington DC. A compelling portrait of a complicated man.

Saturday 20th July

SONG FOR MARION (PG)

A wonderfully heart-warming story of a loving marriage between grumpy pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp) and the ever-cheerful Marion (Vanessa Redgrave). Arthur does not share his wife Marion's passion for performing music. While she is happy to sing her heart out with the unconventional local choir, Arthur would prefer to hide himself away and complain about how embarrassing it all is. But when heartbreak strikes, Arthur is forced to re-think his outlook on life.

Saturday 24th August

LIFE OF PI (PG)

Based on the Booker Prize winner 2001 by Yann Martel. Famed director Ang Lee uses cutting edge technology to bring to the screen a ravishingly beautiful film about a shipwrecked teenager stranded on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger. This film won several Oscars including Best Director and Best Photography.

Tickets: £3.50 advance booking

£4.00 on the door All films start at 7.30pm

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Contact:01485 578588

Email: cinema@syderstone.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

2nd November 7pm for 7.30pm

Return of "A Norfolk Night"

Pat Nearney & Danny Platton have a new show. Music, jokes, anecdotes, poetry, sing-along and comedy mime. Wit, Squit & Shenanigans Tickets and a Ploughman's Supper £7.50
Licensed bar

ADVANCE NOTICE

Quiz Night by John Wetherell

Date to be finalised in October

GET SNAPPING !

The village photographic competition will be held in the village hall this October. The Subjects for this year's photographic competition will be:

1. Still Life
2. Close Up (Any Subject)
3. Machinery & Things Mechanical
4. Norfolk Village Scenes
(Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral)
5. By the Sea

Contacts: Ron Wetherell 01485 576029

Dizzy Goff 01485 578527

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Sunday 30th June

Sunday 28th July

Sunday 25th August / Monday 26th August

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