

The SYDERSTONE

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MILL LANE MUD

At the bottom of Mill Lane where it joins Tattersett Road, 4 x 4 vehicles have been cutting across the grass verge. This has resulted in deep ruts, with mud and stones being deposited on Mill Lane. Vehicles coming down Mill Lane are at risk of skidding as they brake for the junction. The Parish Council has put the work in hand with County Highways to remedy this nuisance.

COMMON MOTOR BIKES

Another nuisance has been off-road motor bikes racing on Syderstone Common, which is illegal. Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) and the police are working together to stop this. If you witness this please call the police (Tel: 101) and note the registration numbers of any vans or trailers parked nearby, which may be connected with the offence. If the culprits are apprehended the motor bikes will be confiscated and destroyed. Signs have been erected to this effect.

The nearest legal off-road facility is at Swaffham on the A1122, off the A47, post code PE37 7QE. Details at: www.hittthedirt.net Tel: 01603 722800

£75 FIXED PENALTY

The Borough Council is having a blitz on dog fouling across the borough and the police have been empowered to issue £75 fixed penalty tickets for dog fouling if it is not cleared up immediately. This applies to the village streets, public footpaths and Syderstone common.

This is no reflection upon the responsible owners in the village who do tidy up after their dogs, but we do get a lot of visitors who seem to think that the countryside is a dog convenience. In order not to spoil visitors' holidays, the Parish Council is improving the signage in this respect.

VILLAGE POST OFFICE

The planned January re-opening of the Village Hall Post Office did not happen due to contractual difficulties with the proposed operators. The Post Office are seeking an alternative operator.

COUNCIL TAX

The Parish Council Tax will increase by 84p per annum at Band D. As explained last year this is due to the cost of Council Tax Benefit being transferred from the government to local councils.

The Borough and County are keeping their Council Tax at the same level as last year, but the police authority are increasing their Council Tax bill by £3.96 per annum at Band D.

ROAD CLOSURES – SYDERSTONE

Rudham Road will be closed between 17 March 2014 until 21 March 2014.

Common End will be closed between 24 March 2014 and 4 April 2014.

This is to enable underground electrical cabling in connection with a property refurbishment in Rudham Road and Common End.

ROAD CLOSURES – STANHOE

The C479 runs from Hyde Park Corner (B1454) to Barwick Hall Farm. Coming from Syderstone it is a cut through to Stanhoe avoiding the Bircham crossroads.

It will be closed Mondays to Fridays between 10 February 2014 until 19 September 2014 and again between 19 January 2015 and 13 February 2015.

This is in connection with the construction of the Jacks Lane Windfarm at Barwick Hall Farm. The company building the wind farm (RES) is holding a public meeting, to explain what is going on, in the Syderstone Village Hall on Wednesday, 12 March 2014 at 7:00 pm.

FOUR WINDS JUNCTION

The number of vehicles approaching from Fakenham and turning right at the Four Winds junction, which crash into the traffic island is too frequent to be simply dismissed as poor driving. There was something confusing to motorists at this turn.

However, following representations from the Parish Council, County Highways have improved the signage at the junction. Another yellow bollard and a clear "Keep Left" sign have been installed to improve road safety.

PIN & CARD SCAM

A lady in Terrington St Clements had a close shave when she was telephoned by fraudsters who claimed to be from her credit card company.

She was tricked into thinking she had then phoned the credit company back and disclosed her PIN number. A short time later two men arrived at her address to collect the card.

Her husband smelt a rat, chased the men off and the police were called. After a chase through the village two men from the London area were arrested by officers from Downham Market and are currently on bail while further enquiries are carried out.

This is quite a sophisticated fraud where the thieves keep the phone line open, so despite the person thinking they are phoning the bona fide telephone number of the credit card company they are still talking to the would be thieves.

Banks and credit card companies never call to ask for account details or PIN numbers over the phone and they never send people to collect a card, so please be warned.

Report courtesy of Norfolk Constabulary

FOOD CADDY BAGS

The approved food caddy bags for recycling food waste may be purchased at the village hall on Wednesday mornings between 10 am to 12 noon. The price is £1.60 for a roll of 50 bags.

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SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Forthcoming Events

Friday 4 April 7pm - Bangers & Mash, Village Hall
Followed by a Beetle Drive, £5.00 per adult, under 12s free. Pay at the door but please try to book your places by Monday 31st March with Chris Lewis on 528555 / 07770 659527 or with Dizzy Goff on 578527.

Monday 5 May 11am - Archdeacon's Charge
Fr Clive will again take part in this 10km run and would be grateful for your support. As last year, sponsorship forms will be available in the church.

Special Services

Sunday 30 March 10am - Mothering Sunday
Benefice service at North Creake, also Patronal Service.

Friday 18 April 10:15am - Good Friday Service
With student Cross pilgrims from Ely. This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns in the village hall.

Sunday 20 April 6am - Sunrise Service
At South Creake church

Sunday 20 April 11am - Easter Communion

Regular Monthly Services (New Dates)

1st Sunday

11am Parish Communion

6pm Evensong

2nd Sunday

11am Family / All Age Service

3rd Sunday

11am Parish Communion

4th Sunday

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

5th Sunday

11am Morning Worship

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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THE AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL
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VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA
In association with *Creative Arts East*

Saturday 22nd March

Captain Phillips (12A)

Captain Phillips is a multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates. It is simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller, and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalisation. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks) and the Somali pirate Captain Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship. In the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control.

Saturday 26th April

Philomena (12A)

From the director of 'The Queen' and likely to be a similar mega-hit. Judi Dench as the Irish woman searching for the son taken from her when a baby and assisted by Steve Coogan's journalist. Funny, beautifully done on all levels. Everyone will want to see this film even if they see it in the cinema before we can get it!

Cinema tickets : £3.50 advance booking, or £4.00 on the door. All films start at 7.30pm

ICES, POPCORN AND SOFT DRINKS ON SALE

Contact: 01485 578588 Malcolm MacArthur
Email: cinema@syderstone.com

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall committee will take place on Thursday 10 April starting at 7pm. All villagers are welcome to attend.

OLD SYDERSTONIANS

The next reunion of the Old Syderstonians will take place in the village hall on Saturday 12 April, from 2pm to 6pm. Come and join us for tea, chat and meet old friends!

WORLD WAR 1 - CENTENARY 2014

Family History Day

To mark this significant point in our history we are going to hold our Family History Day on Saturday, 2 August 2014 in the Amy Robsart Hall from 10.00 -17.00. We want to concentrate on the men from Syderstone who fought and those who died in this awful conflict. We have a collection of photographs of local WW1 soldiers and sailors, which have been digitised and restored, but which are mainly un-named, together with a list of names of local soldiers and sailors who served their country.

We would love to put the names to the faces. Did any of your Syderstone or Barmer family serve in WW1- have you got any photos or documents, can you identify any of the photographs? We would love to hear from you and perhaps we can name some people before August.

We also hope to prepare a brief history on the men who served. The list we have is sometimes just surname and initial, so we have to establish the identity of these men first, can you help with this.

Also on display will be our ever growing collection of local family histories and photographs, together with books, memorabilia, maps etc.

Entry will be free and refreshments will be available

If you think you can help us, or would like to find out more about this project or would like to see our local family history and photographic collections please contact:

Sheila Riches 01485 578171
Avril MacArthur 01485 578588

**ROYAL AIR FORCE BIRCHAM NEWTON
HERITAGE CENTRE - OPEN DAYS**

Easter Holiday Sunday 20 April & Monday 21 April
Bank Holiday Sunday 4 May & Monday 5 May
Bank Holiday Sunday 25 May & Monday 26 May

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