

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

A campaign is underway to provide a public defibrillator in the village. If someone has a heart attack and their heart is not beating then a defibrillator can save their life, if the electric shock is applied promptly. The portable device would be mounted on the outside wall of the village hall and a number of local volunteers will be trained in its use.

It was discussed and found favour at the Annual Parish Meeting, where the use of a defibrillator was demonstrated by the St John Ambulance. The campaign is being led by Daniel Bridge and Martin Bateman, who have made an excellent start with the fund raising.

The Parish Council would welcome your views, particularly if the Parish Council were minded to make a modest grant towards the cost. Please email or write to the Parish Clerk, see contact details overleaf.

VILLAGE POST OFFICE

The village hall post office service will resume from 4 June 2014, on the following days:

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12 noon
Fridays 9:00 am - 12 noon

VILLAGE PUB

The Lynn Arms is under new ownership and is presently being refurbished. The new landlords are Martin and Flo, who extend a warm welcome to all.

FUN DOG SHOW

The annual Fun Dog Show, in aid of the Docking and Massingham Surgeries Patients Participation Group, will take place on Sunday 13 July 2014 at the National Construction College, Bircham Newton. With 30 classes from mutt to pedigree, you can show your dog or just enjoy the fun. Stalls, refreshments, large raffle, tombola and free car parking. For full details contact Sheila Hill on 01485 578380, or online at:

www.syderstone.com/DogShow.pdf

The Parish Council's major project was the installation of a modern LED street lighting system to replace our ageing orange sodium lamps. Syderstone is deemed to be within an Environmental Lighting Zone E2 and our new lamps comply with this requirement. In essence this is achieved by using down lighting, thus eliminating upwards light pollution. The Parish Council obtained a 75% grant for the work and the cost to the parish of £2,500 will be recovered in slightly under three years because of the reduced electricity and maintenance costs of the new lamps.

The Parish Council obtained a 100% grant from the Norfolk Community Fund (NCF) for the installation of a basket swing in the village playground at Norman Way. This has proved to be immensely popular with the children and is definitely the star attraction. The little ones pile in together, whilst the older children ride solo. Also, safety railings were installed outside the playground to prevent excited children running into the road when they leave the playground.

The Parish Council installed a large map of the village and our surrounding footpaths on the outside wall of the village hall, with five suggested routes of varying lengths. The map is also on the village website, where copies may be printed off to carry on the walks, together with detailed directions.

The Parish Council successfully persuaded BT to refurbish our red telephone box and install a working coin box, previously we could only make a 999 call from it. This is of benefit to residents and particularly to visitors, as they no longer have to climb the nearest hill in order to get a mobile phone signal !

Whilst the Parish Council is limited by law as to what it can do, it does know a man who can. Our working relationships with the County, Borough and Police enable us to quickly pass on residents' problems to the appropriate staff in these organisations, if we cannot sort it out for them ourselves.

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On the financial front we have been forced to apply minimal increases in Parish Council Tax this past year. These have been brought about by the Government's decision to no longer fund Council Tax Benefit (CTB). It is now called Council Tax Support (CTS) and has to be paid for by local Councils, which includes the Parish Council. We have benefited from some transitional relief grant, but this is reducing and will be phased out, so some more small increases in parish tax are likely.

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 2013/14 a successful year for our Parish Council.

Cllr Reg Thompson
Chairman, Syderstone Parish Council

WHY NO DOG BINS ?

People have asked why the Parish Council does not provide dog waste bins. Each bin would cost £150 to purchase and then cost a further £150 per year to empty. With 105 acres of Syderstone Common and 5.3 miles of public footpaths in the parish, we would certainly need more than one.

The Parish Council feel that this would be an unfair additional charge on your Parish Council Tax, as not everyone in the village has a dog and those that do own a dog are usually responsible enough to tidy up afterwards.

Syderstone Parish Councillors

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SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 22 June - Syderstone Open Gardens, 1:30pm until 5:30pm, various gardens open with stalls (plants, art & craft, ice creams). Cream teas in the Amy Robsart Hall. Admission by program/map £3 per person, from hall or participating gardens.

Saturday 12 July - BBQ, 5pm to 8pm at 7 Chestnut Avenue, Wicken Green. Stalls, raffle, & competition. Tickets at £5, book with Barney on 528450 or Mark on 529469.

Saturday 2 August to Wednesday 6 August
Flower Festival in St Mary's Church, opening times:
10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday
12:15pm - 5:00pm Sunday
10:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Wednesday

Special Services

Sunday 1 June 4pm
Evensong in Barmer Church

Sunday 3 August 6pm
Flower Festival Sons of Praise

Regular Monthly Services

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.

Fr Clive Wylie, Rector 01328 823293
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THE AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL
2009 Pride in Norfolk Best Community Building Award

A Post Office service will be resumed in the Hall on 4th June. Open Wednesdays and Friday mornings 9-12 noon. Your new postmistresses will be Carol Starkey, Teresa Bircham, and Trudy Coker. Henry Bellingham, MP will officially re-open the Post Office on Friday 13th June at 10.30am
ALL WELCOME!

VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA

In association with *Creative Arts East*

Saturday 21st June 7.30 pm
Twelve Years a Slave (15)

The true story of Solomon Northup, an educated and free black man living in New York during the 1840's who gets abducted, shipped to the south, and sold into slavery. OSCAR winner Best Picture with UK leading actor (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and UK director Steve McQueen. Lupita Nyango won Best Supporting Actress for her role as the slave Patsy. Splendid performances too from Micheal Fassbinder, as the slave owner, Paul Giamatti and the ubiquitous Benedict Cumberbatch.

Saturday 19th July 7.30 pm
The Book Thief (12A)

A wartime story told from 'the other side': Set in a small German town in a German working class family where the war and Nazism are facts of life over which the ordinary people have no control. A young foster child discovers the meaning of life through her obsession with books and reading (including ones rescued from Nazi bonfires). Emily Watson and Geoffrey Rush pay the parents.

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

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Contact: 01485 578588 Malcolm MacArthur

Email: cinema@syderstone.com

2nd FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Saturday Aug 2nd 10am -5pm

The Centenary of the start of World War 1

To mark this significant point in our history we are holding our 2nd Family History Day. We are concentrating 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 digitised and restored but mainly un-named. We have a list of names of local serving men.

We would love to put the names to the faces. Did any of your Syderstone family serve in WW1? Do you have any photos or documents? Can you identify anyone?

The second part of the project is to write a short biography on all those men who served and died and those men who served and returned safely. For this purpose the list of 12 men who died and the 80 men who served, contained on the Order of Service of the Dedication of the War Memorial Service on Sunday 2nd October 1921 in St Mary's Church, Syderstone is being used. It is a very difficult task as only surname and initials are generally listed.

Did any of your relatives serve? Could they be on the list? Any information would be gratefully received to help us learn more about their lives. The centenary marks only the beginning of this project as it is likely to take a considerable time to gather all information on these men. Once completed, a copy will remain in the Village Hall archive and one in St Mary's Church. A copy will also be donated to the Norfolk Record Office.

Additionally, our considerable collection of local family histories, photographs, books, maps and memorabilia will also be on display on the day.

Please do contact us if you have any information prior to the event, we would love to talk to you.

Refreshments and Tombola

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ROYAL AIR FORCE HERITAGE CENTRE

See the new WW1 Exhibition 2014

OPEN DAYS (11 am to 5 pm)

Sunday June 29, Sunday July 27

August Bank Holiday 24 & 25 August

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