

The SYDERSTONE
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DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

As you may have heard the village will very soon have its own defibrillator. This arose from an idea that was voiced in the Lynn Arms by Mr Daniel Bridge and took only 6 months and 3 events to raise the money needed thanks to the generosity of the people from Syderstone, Tattersett, Wicken Green and Blenheim Park, plus some businesses that donated auction prizes from further afield.

The village hall committee have given permission for the defibrillator to be sited on the external wall of the hall. Barrie Wells has kindly offered to fit it for free. It will be placed in a purpose made lockable box which will be mounted on the wall. The best means of access will be determined once the training has been completed. We already have a list of first responders but would welcome more as you can never have too many. We are waiting for the East of England ambulance service to confirm training dates, which will entail a couple of hours of training in the village hall. We are lucky to have the latest updated version which tells you what to do, includes a video screen and is so easy to use that children can operate it.

We considered it imperative that our community had one of these because last year in the UK out of the 65,000 people that had a cardiac arrest outside a hospital only 7% per cent survived. Obviously living in a rural community that survival rate is even less. More and more villages, schools, sports clubs etc. in our area are having these installed. Not only was enough money raised to buy the defibrillator but there are funds remaining for maintenance and extra training for some time to come. Whilst a defibrillator will not guarantee survival it will certainly increase the odds.

Once the training dates have been confirmed we will advise all those on the first responders contact list. Once this is complete every household will get a detailed list of trained persons so they know who to contact in the unlikelyhood of ever needing assistance.

Once again a huge thank you to everyone who helped achieve this, for instance, by donating auction and raffle prizes or giving their time and performing for free and to everybody who attended the events and spent their hard earned money or donated cash. One of our community even did a skydive. The incredible community spirit was astounding!

If anyone would like to become a first responder please email your name to the address below so that you may be added to the mailing list:

bateman1@btopenworld.com

Report by Martin Bateman

LOCAL PLAN

The Borough Council has been working on the Local Development Framework (LDF), which is being adopted as the Local Plan (LP). Amongst other things the Government set the Borough targets for house building, which in turn the Borough Council has allocated to the towns and villages in West Norfolk. Syderstone is earmarked for five more new houses.

Originally it was proposed to build them in Creake Road opposite to the existing houses, but this has been dropped from the adopted plan.

Instead the field opposite the village green has been chosen, i.e. to extend the Broadlands housing to the west. Planning permission will still be required, but as it is now in the Local Plan, it is more likely to be considered favourably by the Borough planning committee.

SMART METERS & DUMB PHONES

The installation of smart electricity meters in the village appears to have ground to a halt. Smart meters show you how much electricity you are using and transmit the meter reading to the power company automatically, so no more estimated bills. However they use the mobile signal and we do not a reliable mobile phone signal throughout the village !

WIND FARM GRANTS

The Jacks's Lane wind turbines are being installed and will come on stream by March 2015. There will be grants available to communities within a 5km of the turbines. If you have any suggestions for projects to benefit the community in Syderstone, please contact a Parish Councillor.

ROAD SAFETY

The safety of our residents is of paramount importance to the Parish Council, with speeding traffic a constant concern. Set out below are the details of the Parish Council's ongoing road safety program:

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

The Parish Council is installing vehicle activated speed limit signs, which flash up the speed of approaching vehicles. These were installed in the village for a short time a couple of years ago on a trial basis and found to be very effective.

The signs will be moved around from time to time in order to cover the entry routes to the village. Experience elsewhere has shown that this is a more effective use of the signs, rather than having them in permanent fixed locations.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Parish Council has approved the setting up of a Community Speed Watch. This involves a group of six local volunteers, working in teams of three, and equipped with a police issue radar gun. Details of speeding traffic are forwarded to the Norfolk Camera Partnership for action.

In the surrounding villages this has been proved to make a significant contribution to road safety.

HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

The Parish Council installed "Lorry Route" signs to direct HGVs around the village. The Council also contacted the satnav suppliers (Tom Tom & Garmin) and asked them not to use the village as a through route. A request to the County Council for weight restrictions in the village was unfortunately not successful.

PAVEMENT PARKING

If you have a visitor or tradesman call at your house, please ask them to park in the road and not on the pavement. Pavement parking is inconvenient for pedestrians, especially if they are using a wheelchair or pushing a pram. There was an unfortunate incident in the summer when a blind lady was forced to walk in the road because of inconsiderate parking on the pavement. Please help to keep our pavements clear and safe for pedestrians.

FOOTWAYS (TROD)

Another important contribution to road safety is the Parish Council's program of installing footways along the side of the busy roads which enter the village. These are called a "TROD", which is an abbreviation for a Trodden Path.

These have already been installed along parts of Tattersett Road and Creake Road, and the Parish Council is minded to install a new footway along the side of Mill Lane. This would give safe access to the common and business park, without the need to walk in the road.

TATTERSETT ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Syderstone Parish Council and Tattersett Parish Council have jointly requested that the County Council reduce the existing speed limit in Tattersett Road from 40mph to 30mph. This has always been a dangerous stretch of road because of the poor visibility splays at the Lancaster Road junction; Syderstone children have to cross the road in order to get to Blenheim Park School; and there is heavy through traffic heading for South Creake and beyond. Added to this there are now six four bedroom houses being built at the corner of Ashside and Tattersett Road with three more residential accesses on the west side of Tattersett Road itself.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

The emergency phone number for fire, police or ambulance is **999**. For non emergency calls to the police dial **101**. You will need to state that Syderstone is within the Hunstanton police area, or else your call may be misdirected. Our local bobby is PCSO Mark Taylor.

Syderstone Parish Councillors

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Mick Askew	01485 578442
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SYDERSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 30 November - Fakenham Town Band Concert in Green Park Centre at 3pm, with special performance by the children of Blenheim Park School. Admission £5 pp, under 12s free (refreshments included).

Friday 19 December - Carol Service, followed by turning on the Syderstone church Christmas lights, with mulled wine & mince pies. St Mary's Church Syderstone at 6:pm.

Special Services

Sunday 7 December - Benefice Service of confirmation & blessing of the bells at South Creake church at 2:30pm, followed by afternoon teas. Service conducted by Bishop Jonathan.

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve Parish Communion, the first mass of Christmas, at St Mary's Church, Syderstone, at 10:00pm.

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day Benefice Communion at North Creake church at 10:00am.

Sunday 28 December - Benefice Communion at South Creake Church at 10:00am.

Regular Monthly Services

1st Sunday

11am Morning Worship
6pm Evensong

2nd Sunday

11am Parish Communion

3rd Sunday

11am Family Service

4th Sunday

11am Parish Communion

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
(rector.creakes@icloud.com) 07970 875052

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www.syderstone.com/postoffice.htm

Please be aware that this service is vital for some villagers, but unless we use it, we will lose it !

Do you play table tennis ?

A new villager, who is a table tennis enthusiast, is interested in playing table tennis in the hall. Would you like to join a new group? Phone or email as below for cinema.

VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA

In association with *Creative Arts East*
LAST FILM OF THE CURRENT SEASON

Saturday 13th December

Tammy (15)

Not a Debbie Reynolds remake but a story of a tough contemporary girl. Fired from her dead end job in a fast food restaurant, Tammy returns home to find her husband enjoying romance with the neighbour. She packs her bag and, with her 'hell-raising' grandma Pearl (Susan Sarandon), sets off to find adventure. Great supporting cast includes Toni Collette, Dan Ackroyd, and Kathy Bates. Tag line:

"She hit the road. The road hit back".

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