

# The Natterjack

SYDERSTONE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



**Welcome to October's Syderstone Community Newsletter**

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## **News from Syderstone Parish Council**

The past few months have been all about speed and hopefully in the future less of it! By now we're sure you will have noticed the three sets of village gates on Docking Road, Mill Lane and Creake Road. Responding to parishioners' concerns about vehicles speeding through the village, Sally Bettison from NCC's Highways Dept, took a walk with several councillors and our parish clerk around the village to see what could be done. It was agreed that the three sets of gates could be installed (incorporating a Syderstone sign on the Creake Road gate where there wasn't one). To fund the cost the Parish Council paid part, this was match funded by NCC's "Parish Partnership" scheme for local highway improvements and a donation from our County Councillor Michael Chenery.

The Parish Council also successfully applied for a grant from Norfolk Community Foundation (Jack's Lane Wind Farm Fund) to buy solar panels for the moveable speed signs, thus relieving a councillor from the onerous task of repeatedly removing and charging the failing batteries. Huge thanks to Mick Beauchamp for doing this for the past couple of years.

A letter was also sent to local farmers and contractors reminding them of the speed limit and the narrow width of parts of the village and this was met with a positive response.

It was not possible to have village gates on Ashside as there is no suitable place to install them but there are posts for the moveable speed signs to be used there in turn. The village Speedwatch is now up and running again under the care of Paul Welland. It could use a few more volunteers though – it takes about an hour, at a time to suit you, and is cancelled in bad weather! so if you can spare a little time now and then, Paul would love to hear from you on 01485 576249.

Following 20 emails and many phone calls, the Parish Council has finally placed a bin on the playing field which will be emptied by KLWNBC fortnightly. Huge thanks to Karen for her perseverance and thanks to Dave Daly for installing it. The other broken bins will be removed.

Hopefully by the time of the next newsletter we will be a little bit nearer to a return to normality at the conclusion of this rather unusual year!

### **Syderstone Parish Councillors**

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Next Parish Meetings are;

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## NATURALLY SYDERSTONE

Nobody in the village could fail to see or hear our perfect commuters. Every day they travel without clogging up the roads. They don't pollute the streets with toxic fumes. And they add value to our lives. Look up, and enjoy.

If you weren't brought up in north Norfolk, you might remember your first encounters with pink-footed geese. Perhaps you marvelled at those V-shaped flocks, called skeins, laced across the sky? We still don't know why they fly in such formations, though scientists think it's to do with aerodynamics. The birds at the front of the V are buffeted by the wind more than the rest, so after a while, they drop back and their companions, which have been coasting in the slipstream, bear the brunt of the breeze.

Most often, we'll hear them before we see them. They're sopranos of the goose world – their cackling calls are higher-pitched than other geese. Their appearance is distinctive too, they don't look like your average farmyard goose. Spot their short necks and lighter parts close to their tail on an otherwise brown undercarriage. The name 'pink-foot' doesn't really help with identification – the colour of their legs can be hard to see in poor light.

Where are they going, and where have they been? Syderstone's morning arrivals have spent the night on the coast, quite possibly on the marshes at RSPB Snettisham or Holme Dunes and they've come inland to graze on anything green. But there's an even bigger journey ahead – they'll fly across the North Sea late this winter to breed on the tundra of Iceland, Greenland or Spitzbergen.

Britain has most of the world's population of wintering pink-feet and most are in Norfolk. Thousands of people come here every year to admire the goose flocks. And they're right on your doorstep.

## **St. Mary's Church News**

Serving the communities of Barmer, Blenheim Park, Syderstone and Wicken Green

### **Regular Pattern of Services;**

Sundays; 1030am Benefice Eucharist at South Creake

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month;

5pm Evensong at North Creake

These services are streamed live on Facebook and later in the day uploaded to YouTube.

With the constantly changing restrictions due to Covid-19 arrangements for Remembrance Sunday will be made nearer to the date. All our usual activities are also on hold.

To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or other special service, contact the Rector, Fr Clive Wylie on 07970 875052 or [rector@creakesbenefice.org](mailto:rector@creakesbenefice.org)

### **Churchwardens**

Chris Lewis: 01485 528555 or 07770 659527

Annie Bennie: 01485 529154 or 07817 879581

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**Rector** (*The Benefice of North Creake, South Creake with Waterden, Syderstone with Barmer, and Sculthorpe*)

- 1. Sweet or savoury?** Definitely sweet! I always look at the puddings on the menu first when choosing a meal. And if there's anything chocolate that's a must. I'm a chocoholic.
- 2. Lark or owl?** More of a lark. I'm generally up and at it by 05:30. At the other end of the day I struggle to watch any programme through as I'm usually asleep on the couch.
- 3. Favourite place?** The island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland. It's got beauty, spirituality, holiness... and it connects with my birthplace of Limavady through my 'favourite' saint, Saint Columba.
- 4. Beer or champagne?** Champagne as I don't drink beer. Gin would be much more preferable though although I wouldn't say no to a good Irish whiskey.
- 5. What would you sing at Karaoke?** Karaoke!?!?! Oh no!
- 6. If you had a warning label what would it say?** My bishop in Glasgow often said I was either coming from causing trouble or going to create it! He knew me so well.
- 7. Glass half empty or half full?** Depends what's in it. Please refer back to the answer to question 4!
- 8. If you were a superhero what powers would you like to have?** My childhood hero was Captain Scarlet... he is indestructible!
- 9. Scone, cream or jam first?** Jam then cream obviously.
- 10. Favourite beach?** I don't do sand but there's only one beach for me... Benone in County Londonderry, Northern Ireland.
- 11. Scariest thing you've ever done?** Where do I start??? Guess it was searching my mum's restaurant for explosive devices during a terrorist attack on local business in Limavady one Saturday evening.
- 12. Favourite flower?** The poppy.

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# **AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL**

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## Message from the Chair

“It’s been a very disappointing year for hall activities. Government restrictions have meant that it has not been either possible or viable to operate e.g. the coffee mornings or village screen cinema, and at the time of writing it looks like we are heading towards the reintroduction of more restrictions which could last another six months.

However, we have been looking after the hall both internally and externally, and things are still happening – just not “normal” things. During this time, we’ve been able to support the Bowls group obtaining new hall equipment with a grant from KLWNBC and a further grant from Jack’s Lane Wind Farm Community Fund to continue building renovation (see below)

Sheila and Chris are working towards a record of this time by asking you to tell us about Lockdown and “How was it for you?” And Sheila is also working on records of the school (read on for more information). And, Karen, our cleaner has been able to clean things that are not normally available!!

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Sheila Riches	Booking Manager	01485 578171	
Martin Bateman	Parish Council representative		
Gerry Taylor	St Mary’s Church representative		
Cathy Wilkins	Co-opted member		
Linda Pearse	Art & Craft representative		

**GROUP ACTIVITIES** - The Village Hall continues to be closed for all activities

**VILLAGE HALL POST OFFICE** - is Open Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 12 noon (*Note opening hours*) **Current Covid-19 rules apply** *Take care, Stay safe*

**OLD SYDERSTONIANS REUNION** - October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

Sadly, we have had to cancel the next reunion due to Covid-19 restrictions. Let's hope things improve in order that we can get together in 2021.

With the long winter days approaching it would be a good time to look out old photographs (1940s onward would be great – family, events etc.)

**Contact:** Sheila Riches: 01485 578 171; [sheilarriches@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilarriches@btinternet.com)

**VILLAGE HALL CINEMA** - Continues to be closed - See Syderstone Facebook page for changes

**POSITIVE NEWS** - hopefully, weather permitting, work is about to start on renovating the village hall bell tower – perhaps we'll hear it ringing when we get back to normal! Achieved through joint funding by the hall and Jacks Lane Wind Farm Community Fund.

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# Syderstone Community Archive

## Lockdown – How was it for you? (Some Homework?)

*Villager's Stories and Histories* – have been collected since 2006. Present villagers told us their stories and donated photos, memorabilia and information on both their families and Syderstone, past and present.

Over 50 Syderstone family histories have been produced; Biographies of each of the 92 men who served in World War 1 have been compiled. (*This has been incorporated into the 'Lives of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War' project run by the Imperial War Museum.*)

**From this the Syderstone Community Archive was born.** It is housed in the Village Hall. To view it, contact Sheila Riches on 01485 578171

**The archive** - also houses local historical documents, including maps, School logbooks, house histories, Royal British Legion, Syderstone Church and Parish Council records, magazine articles on Old Occupations and Professions, Social History and dating old photographs and much more.

**And Now COVID-19 – An unprecedented Global Event that has affected us all in different ways. *We'd like to capture how Covid-19 has affected the Syderstone Community.***

We need your stories, photos and experiences, etc. to add to the *Village Archive*.

**Please start** by putting down your thoughts of how this event has affected you *and your family* on paper/computer – ***keep original documents*** – have you still got your **Rainbow pictures and what photos have you taken?**

**This is a once in a lifetime event which needs to be documented**

### Contacts:

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## History of Syderstone School

### Help needed please

I am compiling a history of Syderstone School from the 1820's up to the closure of the new school in 1991. I have found the older information easier to find but I am struggling with the years between 1940 -1991.

I am missing the following information –did you or your Parents/Grandparents attend the school during these years? Can you remember anything about the people below?

Any memories of your Syderstone schooldays would also be great to add to the archive.

Information can be sent to **Sheila Riches, Birches, Mill Lane, Syderstone K/L PE31 8RX** or e-mail [sheilarriches@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilarriches@btinternet.com)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEARS AT SCHOOL</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Mr John Gault</b>	<b>1940-????</b>	<b>Headmaster</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEARS AT SCHOOL</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Mr ? Wayne</b>	<b>????</b>	<b>Headmaster</b>	
<b>Mr D.J. Pearson</b>	<b>???? &gt; 1990</b>	<b>Headmaster</b>	
<b>Mrs ? Headlands</b>	<b>????-????</b>	<b>????</b>	
<b>Mrs ? Ralf</b>	<b>????-????</b>	<b>????</b>	
<b>Miss Lena Parrott</b>	<b>1930 approx -????</b>	<b>Schoolmistress in charge of older children</b>	<b>When did she retire from teaching?</b>
<b>Mrs Ivy Baxter (nee Clamp)</b>	<b>1918-????</b>	<b>Schoolmistress in charge of infants</b>	<b>When did she retire from teaching?</b>

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEARS AT SCHOOL</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Mrs S. Wood</b>	<b>1989-1991</b>	<b>Acting Head Mistress</b>	
<b>Mrs J. Moore</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Supply Teacher</b>	
<b>Mrs J. Pearson</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Clerical Assistant</b>	<b>Wife of Headmaster</b>
<b>Mr J. Anderson</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>School Assistant</b>	
<b>Mrs ? Hughes</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>School Assistant</b>	
<b>Mrs Kate Black</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Caretaker/School Assistant</b>	
<b>Mrs ? Ewins</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>School Assistant</b>	
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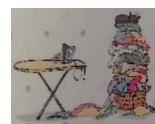
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## **And Lastly, the Gardening Corner**

October, the start of the gardening year – why! This is the time of year when we make preparations for a successful growing season next year. In the veg garden, as crops finish, you can start digging little and often so that it doesn't become a major chore. If you are adding manure to your veg garden, avoid adding lime until the Spring and if you are adding lime, do it where brassicas are to be grown.

October/November is the month for planting garlic and overwintering onions – the most popular are Garlic – Provence Wight, Onion – Shakespeare and Shallot – Gold Gourmet Autumn.

In November, Broad beans and peas can be planted, the recommended variety is Aquadulce Claudia and if you want to try autumn peas – Douce Provence will give good results for sweetness.

We are now in the middle of the bulb planting season and narcissi need to go in as soon as possible in order for them to produce a good root system – for best results with tulips leave until the weather gets much cooler, even December is ideal.

And lastly, sit down, feet up by the log burner and read through your seed packets and plan for 2021.

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