

The Natterjack

SYDERSTONE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



The Syderstone Book Exchange official opening on 16 August
Elizabeth MacLeod; Michael Parker; Gerry Taylor; Paul Ebden; Roddie MacLeod; Dawn Niemann
Photo: Alastair Robinson

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Syderstone's Natterjack Newsletter

Syderstone's Book Exchange – now open

As many of you know, our former telephone box in The Street has been completely refurbished, repainted inside and out, by Gerry Taylor, a former BT payphone engineer and helpers Roddie MacLeod, Julie and Michael Parker (see front page photo). Gerry also fitted it out with shelving, made to measure in his garage. Wood was donated by Paul Page, of Economy Timber, Syderstone Business Park and the flooring was donated by Lee Reynolds, of North Norfolk Carpets & Tiles, Four Winds, while Paul Ebden, local artist and craftsman re-gilded the crowns on four sides of the box and created the outside signage. Many other village folk lent a hand. Local Parish Councillor Martin Bateman acted as liaison between the Parish Council and the workers.

It was only last year that the current phone box became redundant and the Parish Council applied for permission to take it over as a village resource. Enormous thanks are due to all the helpers, and donors, but especially Gerry, who was responsible for making sure that the telephone box had a preservation order on it some years ago, which prevented it from being demolished or sold off elsewhere, and who spent many hours getting it ready and in superb condition to house the book collection, which has been moved from the cramped former egg sale box. Books are available for local people to borrow or swap, all free of charge.

The Book Exchange was formally opened on 16th August by Dawn Niemann, Chair of the Syderstone Parish Council.



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Syderstone's Jubilee celebrations

Lots of you joined in with the Syderstone celebrations marking HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the bank holiday weekend in June. It provided plenty of opportunities to meet up with friends and neighbours and make new connections too. The Amy Robsart Village Hall (ARVH) and St Mary's Church were the focus for most of the activities which included a bar for three nights, a BBQ, pool competition, the official coronation film, the Syderstone archive, live stream of the 'Platinum Party at the Palace' on the Saturday and a superb community tea party on the Sunday afternoon.

St Mary's was packed for the celebration church service and we were honoured to welcome Lady Romney, Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk, representing Her Majesty. Diana Humphries, Syderstone's most senior resident, lit the Jubilee beacon on the playing field after the service. This was part of the national chain of beacons across the UK. Syderstone's beacon burned bright in the night sky as a superb sunset provided a fitting end to the first day.



The organising group were fairly worried on the Sunday morning when they saw the weather forecast. Rain! ('What's that? What about our carefully laid plans for a full scale street party in The Street?') The organisers went ahead and closed The Street and put up the final bunting decorations but with heavy hearts took the decision that for everyone's comfort and safety the street party would be relocated. 200 people had said they were coming and housing them all indoors created a logistical challenge! St Mary's saved the day, welcoming folks in for their tea and picnics, with ARVH providing space for the rest. Some of the tables, crockery and tea urns, to say nothing of scones, jam (made by Pam) and cream, were swiftly relocated across the road. With both buildings practically full to capacity, the tea party went with a swing in both locations. With the Jubilee raffle drawn, sandwiches and cakes consumed

and take-away packages made up, the stalwart folk of Syderstone proved that they weren't going to let a bit of the wet stuff get in their way!

A huge community effort, so many people played a part in making Syderstone's Jubilee celebrations special. The organising committee, the Parish Council, the ARVH, the bunting makers, the 'up the ladderers', beacon builders, our beacon lighter, St Mary's Church (especially for saving the street party), the mug donors, the tea brewers, washer uppers, beer organisers, bar staff, bakers, furniture removers, knitters, street sweepers, 'cleaner uppers', flower arrangers, table decorators, the jam maker, the 'cream whisk team', scone deliverers, raffle ticket sellers and buyers, raffle prize donors, the 'road closurers', everyone who made the effort to decorate their own property and the Jubilee 'Facebook Queen'.

To include a list of names would mean that almost certainly somebody would get forgotten. We thank you all everyone who played a part – you know who you are and we are very grateful for everything you did.

Local community car service for Syderstone residents

Did you know that there is a local, friendly and reliable door to door car service, available in Syderstone, seven days a week for anyone without personal transport? The Great Massingham Area Community Car Scheme is a not-for-profit organisation, funded by donations from individuals and a range of organisations including Syderstone Parish Council.

The trips are chargeable and the costs are reasonable and based on a 'Standard Fares' card. People using the service simply pay the driver. However, the scheme has recently introduced a scheme that gives free travel for medical appointments to Syderstone parishioners who claim either pension or universal credit. This is an experiment to see what might be possible to ease the cost-of-living crisis for those on lower incomes, the aim is to ensure that no parishioner misses medical appointments due to lack of funds.

To Book A Trip - call 01485 520 823.

The Office is open from 09:00am to 12:00 noon weekdays (not on public holidays). Please allow at least four days' notice.

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Next Parish Council meetings are: ** Thursday 7.30pm 15th September **
Thursday 7.30pm 20th October Thursday 7.30pm 17th November**

AUTUMN LITTER PICK - COMING SOON.....

Watch out for an announcement soon about the date of the village Autumn Litter Pick. A great way to clean up the village and have some social fun at the same time. It will most likely be on a Sunday morning. The date and time will be announced via village noticeboards, Syderstone Community Facebook page and the village hall.

Jubilee raffle fund

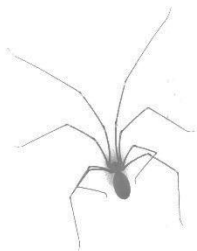
A big thank you to everyone who bought one or more of the Platinum Jubilee raffle tickets. Twenty marvellous prizes were up for grabs thanks to generous individuals and businesses local to our village. Organised by FRISC (Fund Raising in Syderstone Community), the raffle raised £856 for the village defibrillator fund.

In recognition of the new book exchange - can you find 10 hidden books?

NATURALLY SYDERSTONE

If the prospect of a creature with eight legs doesn't spook you, then pause your reading for just five minutes and take a walk around your house. Look up to the ceiling and in the corners, especially the dark ones. There's a very good chance that in at least one room you will see an animal that you don't ever recall seeing in your childhood. And that's because you didn't. The name hints at this creature's dual nature – the daddy long-legs spider. Those exceedingly long, spindly legs, five times the size of its body – which itself looks like a fusion of a peanut and a miniature human skull – have something of the daddy long-legs (aka the crane fly) about them, though the two are unrelated. They also remind us of a harvestman, the grass-stalking cousin of this beast. But these are most certainly spiders, their favourite meals are insects and other spiders, and, if food is short, they'll eat each other.

Nobody is quite sure when *Pholcus phalangioides* first made its appearance in Britain, but it probably arrived this century as a passenger in cargoes from south-east Asia. It's not a fan of the colder north, but a warm Norfolk house in autumn suits it very well. It sits motionless in its web of fine threads for hours at a time. If you flick a duster and touch the web, watch the spider vibrate furiously in an instinctive act of self-defence. Once they are in your home, you'll see a decline in other spiders, including big, hairy *Tegenaria* species, the ones on the pull in autumn that pop up in the bath, or run across the floor. And just like them, it is perfectly harmless to humans. Though they might just give you a touch of the shivers if you are an arachnophobe.



St. Mary's Church News

There is a quiz and light supper on Friday 23rd September 2022 (pizza and salad) in the village hall. This will start at 7 p.m. Teams of up to 6 people maximum. Bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the Amy Robsart Hall coffee mornings on 6th and 14th September or by phone from Pam Protheroe 01485 576042. Please come along for a fun evening and support St Mary's Church.

There is to be an Autumn Fair with coffee and light lunches on Saturday 15th October 2022 in the Amy Robsart Hall 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and buy some early Christmas gifts. Look out for posters for this event.

Our Harvest Service will be the Praise Service on 9th October 2022. There will be wine and light snacks following the service.

Now that life is resuming some sort of normality we hope you will continue to support St Mary's Church. There is a Eucharist Service on alternate Friday mornings at 10 a.m. A Praise Service once a month on Sunday at 4 p.m. and a Morning Worship Service once a month at 10 a.m on a Sunday. Look for dates and times on the church noticeboard and the benefice calendar.

Any queries contact the Rector Fr. Clive Wylie on 07970 875052 or email: clive.wylie@dioceseofnorwich.org

Churchwardens: Anne Bennie 07817 879581 or Paul Offord 01485 578218

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News from Stanhoe Methodist Church

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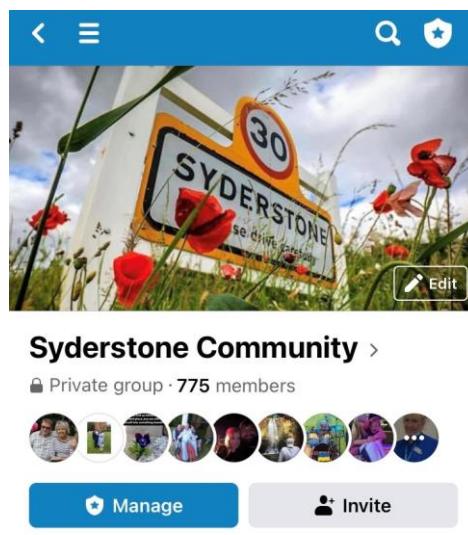
Dates for the next quarter are September 4th and 18th; October 2nd; 16th and 30th, and November 13th and 27th Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday, September 18th, at 11am as above.

For further information, please contact our Minister, Rev. Dr. Richman Ncube on 01485 570 232, our any of the Stewards: Valerie Shackcloth on 01485 518 395; Judith Chaloner on 01485 578 630; Elizabeth MacLeod on 01485 578 392.



Syderstone Community Facebook page

Are you a member of the Syderstone Community Facebook page? It's a great way to keep track of what's happening and includes information about up and coming events, information that's useful such as road issues, power outages....lots of stuff. It's just a great way to share information and conversations around the community. You'll need the Facebook app on your phone or tablet then search for 'Syderstone Community'. You will need to apply to join as it is a closed group. Simple enough to do – just answer a few questions about your connection with Syderstone. We look forward to welcoming you!



AMY ROBSART VILLAGE HALL - (ARVH)

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Energy bills are going up, but you'll be pleased to know that at the village hall our charges are staying the same (*for the time being*)

Did you know, if you live locally, you can hire the hall for just £8 an hour. That's not just one room – it's the whole space!

And you get tables (circular or rectangular) and chairs (folding or fixed) and cups and saucers as well – if you need them.

And if you want to go outside there are picnic tables and parasols!

So if you have a birthday coming up or some other celebration get in touch

Also,

How about coming to the village Coffee Morning?

Coffee or tea with biscuits is served every Wednesday between 10.30 and 12 o'clock – and it won't break the bank. We don't pretend to be Costa Coffee but what you will find are a friendly group of people having a chat and a laugh – *and don't think it's only for the oldies!!!*

We hope to see you soon.



the **ARVH Committee**

P.S. Watch out for an announcement about a pop-up bar and barbecue at the hall in September/October.

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What's Going On at ARVH

After what seems like ages

PILATES IS BACK for all

Starts 6th September

Stretching, toning and relaxation on a **Tuesday** evening 6.00 -7.00pm.

A new five-week term starts 6 September through to 4 October.

£25 for five sessions payable in advance or £6 per single session. Contact

Sally Storr for further information and to confirm your place.

Email sallyastorr@gmail.com OR call/text on **07837 752 163**

INDOOR BOWLS

Monday 4.00 – 6.00pm

Starts 12th September

£3 a session including refreshments – you probably won't need tea after eating the infamous sausage rolls!!!

And don't expect expert playing – the Hall floor's not perfect.

But do expect to enjoy yourself

All are welcome - beginners included - just turn up or

Contact Chris - see hall list

COFFEE MORNING (see previous page)

Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00 o'clock

Every Week

Contact Anita – see hall list

ARTS AND CRAFTS (of many kinds)

Wednesday 1.45 – 4.15pm

Starts 21st September

Contact Linda – see hall list

AND not forgetting

VILLAGE HALL POST OFFICE

Wednesday and Friday 9.30-12.00noon

Every Week

Contact Chris – see hall list

Syderstone Community Archive @ ARVH

Contact: Sheila (see hall list)



Village Archive Open Day

Saturday, 29th October

10.00am – 5.00pm

Many people visiting the display during Jubilee week expressed an interest in seeing more of the village archive.

You now have this chance, with an exhibition of all the material in the archive, including those items which were added during Covid Lockdown, e.g. *Syderstone related newspaper articles, 1700s - present day, and The history of Syderstone Schools c.1815 - 1991.*

Everyone is welcome

If you have any family photos you would like added to our photographic history or information about the history of your house please bring it along on the day or contact Sheila.

Old Syderstonians Reunion

Saturday, 8th October

2.00pm – 5.00pm

Everyone welcome, tea, cakes and lots of chatter.

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And maybe find new friends and even lost relatives!



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NEW Autumn Programme on the Big Screen

Saturday, 17th September, 7.30 pm

THE OUTFIT (15) – *An old school thriller with great performances and a smart twist filled plot*

The year is 1956. Leonard, a master English tailor who has ended up in Chicago, operates a corner tailor shop with his assistant, where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them, a family of vicious gangsters. One night two killers knock on his door in need of a favour, and Leonard is thrust into a deadly game of deception and murder. He must outwit them in order to survive a fateful night.

Starring: Mark Rylance, Zoey Deutch, Dylan O’Brien and Johnny Flynn

Saturday, 22nd October, 7.30 pm

ELVIS (12A) – *Like the man himself, Elvis delivers dazzling, crowd pleasing entertainment*

The film recounts the life and music of Elvis Presley, seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker. The story explores the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker over a period of 20 years, from Presley's humble beginnings to his international stardom. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley.

Starring: Austin Butler, Tom Hanks and Olivia DeJonge

Saturday, 19th November, 7.30 pm

OPERATION MINCEMEAT (12A) – *an engaging and well-acted wartime drama*

The remarkable true story of the elaborate plot cooked up by British intelligence in 1943 to fool Nazi Germany into thinking the allies planned to invade Greece and Sardinia, rather than their actual target, Sicily. The corpse of a tramp was given a fake identity and then dumped off the coast of Spain, carrying the plans for the supposed invasion.

Starring: Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen

Saturday, 17th December 7.30pm

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN (PG) – *more shenanigans involving holding up signs to passing trains and getting them to stop!!*

It's 1944 and World War 2 is raging. Bobbie, one of the original Railway Children but by now a grandmother, welcomes a group of evacuees from Salford to her home in Yorkshire. One day they encounter a young African American GI who, like them, is far away from home, and who is hiding from the authorities.

Starring *Jenny Agutter and Kenneth Aikens.*

Tickets: £4.00 advance booking

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Recipe time variations on the humble crumble

With so much fruit around at the moment, there's never been a better pudding than the humble crumble. For variety why not swap not only the fruit filling but also the crumble topping too? Here's some suggestions:

<p>Crumble topping 225g (8oz) plain or wholewheat flour 100g (3.5 oz) butter 80-100g (3 – 3.5oz) soft brown sugar</p> <p>Variations Use half the amount of flour plus 110g (4oz) porridge oats OR Use half the amount of flour plus 110g (4oz) muesli For extra crunch try adding chopped almonds or hazelnuts</p>	<p>Fruit filling ideas Apples and raspberries Apples and blackberries Apples, sultanas and cinnamon Plums (stoned first) Damsons and cinnamon Rhubarb and ginger Mincemeat and apple (lovely for the winter months)</p>
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1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/350°F/Gas Mark 4
2. Cut the butter into cubes and place in a mixing bowl with the flour.
3. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs, then stir in the sugar.
4. Sprinkle this crumble topping over 500g of prepared fruit (see above) sweetened with a little sugar if liked.
5. Bake in a preheated oven at for about 30-40 mins until golden.

Short on time? You can make the crumble topping ahead and it stores well in the fridge for a day or you can freeze it for up to three months.

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And lastly, Gardening Corner

As I sit compiling these words, I look out over a very parched brown lawn. As we all know it's been a challenging summer to keep our gardens in bloom and our plots productive.

It's been interesting to see which plants and crops have managed to cope with the lack of water and the many which haven't. Climate change is here to stay and that means we all may have to think differently about how we plant our soil. For me it's going to be more drought-tolerant grasses and maybe sowing veg for spring and autumn leaving the summer drought to do less harm.

There are lots of beautiful flowers that like it dry, one of my favourites being the salvia family. So many different colours mixed in amongst evergreens, giving height and structure to the border.

One of my favourite grasses is Stipa Gigantea (golden wild oat). They grow to around 4 or 5 feet and have fabulous seed heads that wave and rustle gently in the breeze. Then with the late afternoon sunlight shining through them they come alive with colour, a real picture to behold.

Well friends, let's continue to enjoy our outside spaces, however large or small and wait for the rains to come and all to be green again once more.

In the meantime, happy gardening everyone.



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