

The Natterjack

SYDERSTONE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Syderstone Christmas tree last year

**Welcome to the Winter 2022 edition of
Syderstone's Natterjack Newsletter**

Syderstone Community Speed Watch

Syderstone Community Speed Watch (CSW) is delighted to announce that it has recently been granted permission to monitor speeds at two new locations. Following feedback from local residents, the team will be able to monitor speeds on the (40 mph) Tattersett Road now, as well as other 30 mph locations within the village. All locations have to be approved by the Norfolk Police so the team feels that it is a significant step forward to have these two latest new locations approved.

What is Community Speed Watch?

It allows members of the community to tackle the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment. The aim of CSW is to focus on the problem of speeding through a partnership of the police, the local community, parish councils and other partners. The aim is to reduce speed in areas of concern, educate drivers on the dangers of speeding and that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, and address concerns from local residents about speeding in their neighbourhoods.

Syderstone CSW team needs your help!

Do you worry about vehicles speeding through our village? The Syderstone CSW team are a very small band of local people who urgently need some help. Speed watch sessions target the busy times, mostly 7.30 - 9.30am and 3.30 - 5.30pm Monday-Friday and 08.00 - 10.00am on a Saturday.

If you genuinely care about speeding in our village, please consider volunteering to help. A speed watch session only takes an hour. Full training is given. Contact Paul Welland at p.wel@hotmail.co.uk.



Syderstone's Christmas Tree lights switch on and blessing

We are delighted to announce that this year's Christmas tree lights switch-on will be on Sunday 4th December outside the Amy Robsart Village Hall.

Here's what to expect:

4.00pm: Blessing of the tree and lights switch on by Father Clive

Followed by Fakenham Town Band playing a selection of Christmas carols and songs (song sheets will be supplied – please bring a torch so you can see the words!)

Mulled wine and mince pies/soft drinks served in village hall, courtesy of FRISC (Fund Raising In Syderstone Community).

5.30pm/6.00pm: Close



There will be a cash collection in the village hall, organised by FRISC. This will be split 50/50 between the village defibrillator fund and the East Anglian Air Ambulance service.

In previous years this event has proved really popular and we hope that you will be able to come along with your families to what always seems to be a great start to the seasonal celebrations and a superb opportunity to meet up with friends from across the community for some singing, chat and festive food. So wrap up warm and don't forget to bring a torch!

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Email: syderstoneparishcouncil@outlook.com

Website: syderstoneparishcouncil@norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Next Parish Council meetings are: ** Thursday 7.30pm 15th December **

** Thursday 7.30pm 19th January ** Thursday 7.30pm 16th February**

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The village litter pick will now take place next Spring, once the better weather arrives. The date will be announced on notice boards throughout the village and on the Syderstone Community Facebook page.

Please save your used stamps!

As the Christmas post starts to arrive, it would be great if you could save the stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind stamp appeal. The money raised through collecting used stamps plays a vital part in their work.

The RNIB accept all stamps: new/used, first/second class, foreign. Stamps are sold by weight and they raise £20 per kilogramme, so it's a brilliant way to raise money.

Please cut them off with 1cm around each. There will be a collection point in the village hall or simply post them through the letterbox of 1 Rectory Gardens, (just down The Street on the opposite side to the church).

NATURALLY SYDERSTONE - A Christmas Caroller

An artist in a Dickensian mood paints the perfect scene for the Syderstone Christmas card. A carriage has pulled up in front of the flint wall of St Mary's. There are top hats and frock coats, bonnets and bustles. The church has a tree at the front door, the churchyard beyond the gate is blanketed in snow (of course). The wall is topped with ivy and there is a holly close by. And there on a branch is the ubiquitous robin with its red breast positively glowing.

Hunt around in the ghosts of Christmas cards past and you will find this bird playing a starring role, again and again. What on earth brought the robin to such prominence as an icon of the season?

Look for a clue in the post box directly opposite the church. It's red, just as post vans are red, the colour of the Royal Mail. In the 1880s, our postmen wore a bright robin red uniform and people picked up on the colour and started calling them robins. Since these delivery robins were bringing us our Christmas cards, it didn't take long before – by association – the cards began to feature the bird after which the posties were named, and so the tradition began.

There is one good natural reason why it is apt that robins should feature on our Christmas cards. They are among the very few birds singing at this time of year, and both males and females are likely to burst into song. Alas, the robins are not exactly full of good cheer to all men (and women). The birds are tuning their territorial voices, establishing their place and warning off potential rivals. Nevertheless, listen out for their thin, high, tuneful melody all through the village and enjoy their carolling. Merry Christmas!



St. Mary's Church News

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Autumn Fair in October. We raised £634 for much needed funds for our church.

Services continue to be held at St Mary's as follows:

- Alternate Friday mornings at 10.00am Father Clive takes a Eucharist Service.
- Monthly there is an informal Service by the Authorised Worship Assistants.
- Monthly there is a Praise Service also taken by Father Clive.

For dates and times please see the website (www.syderstone.org) or the notice board outside church.

On Saturday 3rd December at 12 noon there is a Christmas Fair at South Creake church with stalls also supporting St Mary's Syderstone.

On Friday 16th December at 6.00 pm there will be a Carol Service in St Mary's, Syderstone.

There will be a Benefice Eucharist at Our Lady St Mary, South Creake at 11.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Everyone is always welcome to all the services and fund raising events.

To contact Father Clive email: clive.wylie@dioceseofnorwich.org

Tel: 01328 823293. Please remember Monday is Father Clive's day off.

Churchwardens: Anne Bennie 07817 879581 or Paul Offord 01485 578218

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Notice to all residents in Syderstone - Local Fair Shares Scheme

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We'd like to help those who need it, by setting up a scheme whereby we deliver a free bag of groceries once a week to your home address.

If you would like to be involved, please can you let us know:-

1. Will you donate food? Name and contact details needed, please OR ...

2. If you would to receive a bag, we need to know:-

- Your address (only within the village of Syderstone)
- How many pensioners in your household?
- How many other adults in your household?
- How many children?



We do not need to know your name unless you want to give it.

Please reply by putting your written answers to the above into the box which you will find in the entrance to the village hall (open most Monday afternoons; Wednesday and Friday mornings). ***We'd like to have these back by Wednesday 30th November please.***

Sponsored by St. Mary's Church and Stanhoe Methodist Church

Contact details: Paul Offord, Churchwarden, St. Mary's, tel: 01485 578218 or

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News from Stanhoe Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at Stanhoe Methodist Church in December. All ages welcome. As usual, we meet on alternate Sunday mornings:

11th December: Christmas Carol Service at 11.00am.

Led by *Local Preacher, Stephen Harrington, who always brings his guitar!

25th December: Christmas Day

“Come and join the Celebrations”:

Short Family Service from 9.30am to 10.00am.

Led by *Local Preacher, Elizabeth MacLeod, who doesn't have a guitar, but has promised NO sermon!



* What is a “Methodist Local Preacher”?

The concept of Local Preachers was introduced by John Wesley, who, in the 18th century, travelled all over the UK, preaching and teaching the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Despite being an ordained Anglican Priest, he was banned from most Anglican churches, due to his radical ideas, and often preached out of doors to large gatherings of local people. Leaving them, as he went on his way, he realised that people of good standing in the community, and devout faith, should be appointed to lead these new congregations, and thus the idea of Local Preachers, known in other denominations as Lay preachers, came about.

Local Preachers are not ordained, but nowadays undergo at least 4 years of training, both practical and academic. They are unpaid.

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Are you thinking of having a Christmas party?

Have you thought about using the village hall?

If you live locally you can hire the hall, with all its facilities, for just £8 an hour. You also have access to **Wi-Fi**.

Contact Sheila, our booking manager, for further details.

Not sure what to do on a Wednesday morning? Got time on your hands?

A bit chilly at home?

Come to Coffee Morning (10.30am -12.00 noon)

A cup of tea or coffee with biscuits costs just £1.50. And if you like raffles, there is one held here every Wednesday. Coffee morning is a place where you can meet friends old and new. Come for a chat and a laugh. *Stay warm, stay safe.*

Finally - we need help to develop what we do. Can you help? See our advert on the opposite page.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.



the **ARVH Committee**

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Paul Offord	St Mary's Church representative		
Anita Taylor	Coffee Morning representative		Tel: 01485 578524
Linda Pearse	Art & Craft representative		Mob: 07747 804102

What's going on at the Village Hall?

PILATES

Contact: Sally Storr
sallyastorr@gmail.com or 07837 752163

Weekly – starts 10th January
Tuesday 6.15-7.15

INDOOR BOWLS (Short mat)

Contact: Chris Little (see hall list)

Weekly – starts 9th January
Monday 4.00-6.00

COFFEE MORNING

Contact: Anita Taylor (see hall list)

Weekly – starts 11th January
Wednesday 10.30-12.00

ARTS & CRAFTS

Contact: Linda Pearse (see hall list)

Weekly – starts 11th January
Wednesday 1.45 - 4.15

BOOK CLUB

Contact: Kate Boote (07487 677772)

Monthly – starts 10th January
Tuesday 10.30-12.00

And not forgetting

VILLAGE HALL POST OFFICE

Contact: Chris Little (see hall list)

Every Week
Wednesday and Friday 9.30 – 12.00

POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The post office will be closed on the 23rd, 28th, and 30th December.

Wanted

Fancy being a cinema projectionist,
or would you like to help in other ways at the village hall?
The Village Hall Committee is looking for helpers and new
members to help us run and develop activities at the hall.

Interested?

**Contact Norman (01485 578 171) or
Chris (mobile 07368 817 264) for a chat**

Syderstone Community Archive @ ARVH

Contact: Sheila (see village hall list)



Village Archive Open Day - Saturday, 29th October

The contents of the archive filled the first two sections of the village hall, with material ranging from family histories, WW1 Project, maps, newspaper and magazine articles on old occupations, social history, Syderstone history and more.

The most popular topic of the day was finding out about house history. House deeds, the census records, maps and electoral rolls helped to pinpoint who was living in the house and when, enabling people to continue their research. If you have any old deeds for your house and would like to share the detail, we may be able to write a history for your house.

Photographs of the village's celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee were shown on a TV screen on a 10 min continuous loop. The collection was excellent, and thanks go to Caz Appleby, Chris Little and Trudie Blackshaw (for the loan of TV).

30th Old Syderstonians Reunion - Saturday, 8th October

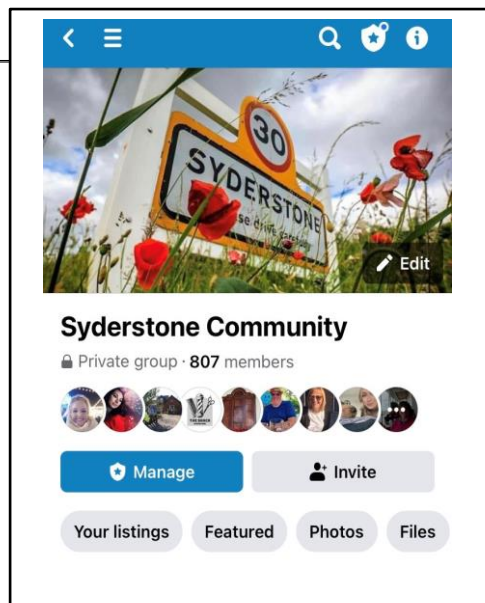
There was a good turnout (approx. 30 people), who enjoyed a very convivial afternoon catching up with the gossip and reuniting with old friends. This was the 30th reunion. It began in 2006 and only COVID has prevented three of our get togethers. Sheila thanked everyone for their continued support and asked them to keep coming along!

The next reunion is Saturday 15th April 2023.

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 share information 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!



VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA at Amy Robsart Hall
Email: syderstonecinema_ARVH@outlook.com

Saturday, 17th December 7.30pm

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN (PG) *Start the Christmas period with this follow up to the much-loved classic tale – 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.*

NEW Spring Programme on the Big Screen

Saturday, 28th January 7.30pm

FISHERMEN'S FRIENDS: ONE AND ALL (12A)

A great film with a feelgood charm and a hook-filled soundtrack that highlights the homely pleasures and eccentricities of English village life!!

Following the unexpected success of their debut album, the lovable "buoy band" are struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame. Now they must navigate the choppy waters of fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

FILM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Keep your eye on **Facebook** and for **posters** for further details)

25th February;

25th March;

29th April

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Recipe time chocolate mint cakes

Something a bit different for the festive season, a pretty variation on the traditional butterfly cake. Thank you to Anita Taylor, our coffee morning organiser, for the recipe.

Ingredients	Filling
170g (6oz) margarine	110g (4oz) margarine
170g (6oz) caster sugar	170g (6oz) icing sugar
2 eggs	2 drops green food colouring
110g (4oz) plain flour	A few drops of peppermint essence
30g (1oz) cornflour	
30g (1oz) cocoa	
2 level teaspoons baking powder	Icing sugar for dusting

Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/170°C fan/350°F/Gas Mark 5
2. Cream together the margarine and sugar until light and creamy.
3. Gradually beat in the eggs.
4. Sieve together dry ingredients, fold gently into the creamed mixture.
5. Divide between 24 bun cases and bake for approx. 20 minutes.
6. Leave to cool.

For the filling

1. Cream together the margarine, icing sugar, green colouring and peppermint essence.
2. Slice off the tops of each cake and slice each top in half.
3. Spoon the mint cream onto each cake then replace the tops as 'wings'.
4. Dust with icing sugar.

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The stopping times and places are:

2.25pm – 2.35pm: Outside 14 Ashside

2.40pm – 2.55pm: Outside the Village Hall

The dates for the next few months are:

20 December, 17 January and 14 February.



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Gardening Corner

We still get cold but bright and sunny days in December when we can wrap up warm and get some tidying up jobs done in the garden. There are fallen leaves still to be swept; fence and shed repairs before the winter winds arrive; pots, plants and water features to be protected from frost damage.

This month also brings the shortest day of the year, when we use our candles and Christmas lights to help bring warmth and light into our lives until the wheel of nature turns once more and the days begin to lengthen.

Now is the perfect time to sit down in front of the fire with a cuppa and your seed catalogues to plan your garden and vegetable plot for next year. It's now that nature takes a short rest and so should we - before the bulbs start to emerge and the first signs of a new Spring begin.

May your Christmas be a peaceful one and your plates be filled with home grown veg.

With warmest wishes for the festive season ahead.



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At a glance – your what’s on guide (new for this issue)

December			
3rd	Christmas Fair	12 noon	South Creake church
4th	Christmas Tree light switch-on/blessing	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
7th	Coffee morning Christmas do	10.30am	ARVH
11th	Christmas Carol Service	11.00am	Stanhoe Methodist
15th	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	ARVH
16th	Carol Service	6.00pm	St Mary’s church
17th	Village Screen - The Railway Children return	7.30pm	ARVH
20th	Mobile library	2.25 – 2.55pm	Ashside and ARVH
24th	Christmas Benefice Eucharist	11.00pm	South Creake church
25th	Short Family Service	9.30am	Stanhoe Methodist
January			
9th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
10th	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
11th	Coffee morning	10.30am	ARVH
11th	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
16th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
17th	Mobile library	2.25 – 2.55pm	Ashside and ARVH
17th	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
18th	Coffee morning	10.30am	ARVH
18th	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
19th	Parish Council meeting	7.30pm	ARVH
23rd	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
24th	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
25th	Coffee morning	10.30am	ARVH
25th	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
28th	Village Screen Cinema: Fisherman’s Friends	7.30pm	ARVH
30th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
31st	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
February			
1st	Coffee morning	10.30am	ARVH
1st	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
6th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
7th	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
8th	Coffee morning	10.30am	ARVH
8th	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
13th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
14th	Mobile library	2.25 – 2.55pm	Ashside and ARVH
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15th	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
20th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
21st	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH
22nd	Coffee morning with cakes and jams sale	10.30am	ARVH
22nd	Arts and Crafts	1.45 - 4.15pm	ARVH
25th	Village Screen Cinema	7.30pm	ARVH
27th	Indoor bowls (short mat)	4.00 - 6.00pm	ARVH
28th	Pilates	6.15pm	ARVH