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Village Diary

Monday 4th July 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting - Jubilee Hall

Saturday 6th August 6.00 pm- 10.00 pm

Church Fete and Barbecue - the Old Rectory

Sunday 21st August 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Glebe Meadow

Saturday 27th August 7.30 pm

Betjeman and Bennet Revisited - St. Margarets church

Monday 5th September 7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting - Jubilee Hall

Want to book the Jubilee Hall? At Any Time

Ring Joy or Bryan Hanner 853200 or 853509



- Let us know of anything happening in the village for this Diary page
- Smart phone bar codes above: left Village Web, right Facebook Page
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Around and About the Village

Low Flying Stork Seen Above Starston

Congratulations to Jennifer, Paul and Harriet on the safe arrival of Victoria on 30th May.

Dance and Americana Day Horham Red Feather Club

On Saturday 2nd July there is a 1950s dance from 7.30 pm 'til late with band Big Swifty and top London DJ Pat Da Kat making their Horham debuts. Tickets are £10. On Sunday 3rd July we have Americana Day from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This is a fun family day celebrating all things American. The free event, which includes admission to the 95th Bomb Group museum commemorating, will offer living history groups, trade stalls and classic American cars, hot rods and military vehicles on display.

Crazy Croquet & Afternoon Tea

In aid of St Mary's Church
Rushall
Saturday 2nd July 3-6pm
Crossingford Barn
Doctor's Lane
Pulham St Mary IP21 4RJ
£5.50 including Afternoon Tea
£2.50 for children
Contact 676372 for Details

Waveney Valley First Responders

Saturday 2nd July 11am—3pm at the Pennoyer Centre. Free for anyone who would like to come along. The Waveney Valley Responders will provide demonstrations in how to safely practice CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

Sports Quiz Night

Friday 8th July— Pennoyer Centre
Teams of a maximum of six members are welcome to take part in this popular event. Fish & Chips will be served in the interval
Booking Essential £8.50 [£4 without food].

"DEPARTURES"

a new play written for Harleston by
Eileen Ryan

Saturday, 9th July

United Reformed Church, Men-
dham Lane, Harleston.

Performances 12pm and 3pm. All
tickets £8.

Tickets available from Eileen Ryan
on anoldryan@gmail.com or
07985 149854

Not suitable for the under 12s

For further info see your June Edi-
tion of Pigeon Post

The Paddocks, Weybread Smallholding Open Day

Saturday 30th July 10am to 6pm
Admission £2 Free parking

Visit The Paddocks next to Weybread Church and see what people with a learning disability can achieve. Raffle in aid of The Downs Syndrome Association.

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Notes from the Editor

We're glad to see that so many of you are keeping an eye on the village website. There is one point, which may need some clarification. Although some of the Pigeon Post team have got the site up and running, it isn't the Pigeon Post website, it is the village website, therefore it is important that when you would like something mentioned in the magazine itself, you send us your information in the usual way by the copy date, which is usually 12th of the month.

There will undoubtedly be some things that are more suited to the website and others more suited to Pigeon Post. One advantage of the website is that it can be changed on a daily basis, so is useful for those urgent messages, like road closures or power cuts. As always with Pigeon Post, if you have something you want to say, but don't want to write it yourself, just get in touch with one of us.

You will have received a copy of 'The Servant Queen' courtesy of the Parish Council & St Margeret's Church with your last Pigeon Post, if you would like another copy there are a few left. Please contact John Formston 853042

Sue



Saturday 23rd July 2-4pm

Jubilee Hall– primary school age, 50p tuck shop
Hillside, The Street– pre-school children

For more information see the Youth Club page at
www.starstonvillage.co.uk

Starston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Please be aware of a number of distractions taking place in other counties.

Elderly victims are being watched whilst paying for goods in supermarkets. Offenders are obtaining the PIN code without knowledge or permission from the victims. Offenders then follow the victim some distances back to their home address, this includes following them home by vehicle to surrounding villages. The victim is distracted by 2 males or sometimes 1 male and 1 female asking for directions. Whilst the victim is distracted by an offender opening a large folded map. Cards are stolen from their handbag. The cards are then used at ATM locations.

Report anything suspicious on 101
Always dial 999 in an emergency.

JIM & PETE



It's That Time of the Year Again.....

INTERVILLAGE GAMES

Sunday 24th July
Mendham & Withersdale Village Hall & Playing Field
12 noon

To include the official opening of the new 'Boules Piste'

Refreshments will be available

Call for volunteers to represent Starston in both Rounders and Boules teams

Rounders:

Squads can be made up of between 9 and 12 people (at least 4 females).

A maximum of 9 people can field at once (at least 4 females).

Substitutions can be made as long as the umpires are notified.

All squad members can bat but the batting order *must* remain the same throughout the inning.

Each team will be given 40 'good balls' per game. If a player decides to run on a no-ball this will be counted as a good ball.

Boules:

We await further information– but you can still volunteer!

Please contact Starston Team Captain Chris Sparrow
chris.sparrow2211@hotmail.co.uk



Notes from a Travelling Starston Gardener

During our wanderings through Iberia I have encountered two urban gardens which appealed to me – both delightful, but complete contrasts.



The first was the garden of a café in the old part of Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain. It was a green oasis among the narrow streets. The customers could sip their coffee in the shade of the trees or under the vine-covered pergola. There was grass underfoot, with inset slabs of natural stone to make the paths. Colour came from pelargoniums and agapanthus in terracotta containers, while the scent from a jasmine drifted across the garden. The centrepiece was a square,

formal pond, where the statue of a man crouched on the edge, for all the world as if he were about to dive in.



My other garden, only seen from a distance, was on the roof of a house overlooking the River Douro in Porto. Who needs port tastings when you can stand on the Luiz Bridge and look down on a roof garden where all the plants are cacti, soaking up the Portuguese sun, and the centrepiece is a solar panel.

Dee the Gardener on Tour



Glebe Meadow Bees Update

Those who enjoy wandering through Glebe Meadow will have noticed the wildflowers around the apiary opposite the Jubilee Orchard. Propagated from seed, we now have colourful patches of ragged robin, ox-eye daisy, red clover, yellow rattle and much more. This is going down well with the bees, who are faring much better than last year. We now have two active colonies, and a new swarm was collected from a hedge yesterday and is now settling into the third hive.

Swarm collection is something members of our community Bee Group may be able to help with, so if one arrives in your garden, or house (not so easy!), please give us a call.

We are finding the way to gain experience in bee-keeping is by having a go, learning from others, making mistakes and trying again, but always trying to think like a bee (but not sting like a butterfly...). The bee-keeping fraternity is always helpful and we appreciate their support and encouragement, and we beginners continue to learn from our Bee Group 'mentors'. Ella (age 9) is now taking part in bee inspections, and other children are welcome to let us know of their interest, as well as their parents. Please get in touch.

Finally, we have been extracting honey and will have some delicious Glebe Meadow Honey for sale at the Starston Church Fete on 6th July.

Peter Grimble 852819

See photos on opposite page of the wild flower meadow and the bee-keepers.

Christian Aid Fundraising 2016

A very sincere thank you to all who donated so generously and to the collectors who gave their time. You raised £364.60 of a total of £2463 (including Dickleburgh and the Pulhams). This will help many projects around the world including one helping river island communities in Bangladesh. These people live in a remote place, Bazetilcup 'char', perched in the middle of the Brahmaputra River, which flows from Tibet through low-lying Bangladesh.

Chars are small islands that form as the river rises and falls. Life is precarious and people vulnerable. Seasonal floods destroy homes and livestock. Through a Home Safety Package costing £250, Christian Aid works with people to raise their homes above the floods, and gives livestock, seeds & agricultural training.

Feroza Begum said: 'What I have received from Christian Aid has changed my life. I never dreamed of it. I think it is a blessing'.
Thank you for all your kind support.

Sue Grimble

Pigeon Post Photo Competition

Have you started thinking about your picture for the Pigeon Post Photo Competition yet? Don't forget the closing date is 31st August.

We're looking for a photo which shows some aspect of life in Starston, inside or out and submitted photographs must have been taken in Starston any time after 1st June 2016. Only one photograph per person can be entered.

You need to present us with a printed photograph with a maximum size of 10" x 8". All entries will be put up in the exhibition in the Jubilee Hall so bear that in mind when deciding on the print size. By entering the competition you give permission for publication in Pigeon Post and/or on the village web site

The full list of rules, categories and prizes can be found in the June edition of Pigeon Post or on the Pigeon Post page of the village web site. Photographs, together with an Entry Form, should be sent to Michael Bartlett, by Post (or hand delivered) to: The Red Cottage, The Street, Starston, IP20 9NN. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Pigeon Post page on the village web site or obtained from Michael Bartlett or Sue Moore.



Whether it be at
work or play– send
us your photo
NOW!



Parish Council Report

A meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Village Meeting were held on 16th May 2016

Most of the many voluntary groups of Starston attended the evening and as every year, it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the marvellous achievements that so many willing members of our Parish have dedicated their time and care to making possible. Readers will be aware of the many significant achievements because they have been well publicised in the Pigeon Post magazine, but one that constantly reminds me of the value of the smaller things is the work of Herbert and Julie Websdell in providing flowers and baskets that make the Jubilee Hall look so lovely for much of the year.

All reports, and indeed the minutes can be read by visiting the Parish Council section of the new village website.

The Parish Council too, has been busy over the past year. Frederic Coates worked hard to improve the pothole situation on our roads, a task that John Akast is continuing. A village wide litter pick was held in March 2016. There are now kind volunteers willing to monitor many of our footpaths, and Norfolk County Council has recently agreed to the improvement of sleeper crossings over ditches and the replacement of missing fingerposts.

Grant funding was obtained for the village Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on 11th June. Thanks to the dedication of residents and people with Starston connections, the EDP Community Chest Scheme has raised monies for a table tennis table and funding of the bouncy castle at this years Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Grant funding has now been granted to support the first year's provision of a community WiFi hotspot at the Jubilee Hall and car park. The Council has reserved CIL monies to fund the second year of this community facility, whilst longer term options are investigated for the third of Starston's households that will not be covered by the current Better Broadband for Norfolk strategy. An announcement will be made in the notices section of the village website when the new service commences. For July 2016 the core costs of the new village website will be funded by the council.

Councillor Ann Leitch was re-elected as Chairperson for the forthcoming year, and the Council looks forward to continuing to support Starston Parishioners.

Sonja Burnett, Parish Clerk

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE ROUNDERS TEAM
YET?**

SEE PAGE 8



More News From The Village

EDP Community Chest Vouchers

A big “thank you” to everyone who continues to collect the vouchers which are published daily in the EDP. On our third attempt, Starston was successful in being awarded £120 towards the cost of hiring the bouncy castle for the 2016 Teddy Bear’s Picnic. The now annual Teddy Bear’s Picnic on the Glebe Meadow, which is particularly aimed at local pre-school and primary school age children and their families, started in 2014. Last year it attracted around 200 people, 60 of whom were children. If you would like to help with this year’s event, please contact Dee Palmer 01379 852318

Many of us have enjoyed events at the Pennoyer Centre in Pulham St Mary, whether it was a Film Night, an Evening Inn (perhaps to be replicated at Starston Jubilee Hall??), attended a Pilates class or simply enjoyed brunch or their delicious homemade cakes. Pennoyers want to purchase some new tables and despite 4 attempts, have not yet been successful with their application to the EDP Community Chest. Hence, please can you continue to collect EDP vouchers, so we can give the Starston ones to Pennoyers to ensure they hit the 500 target and are able to submit a grant application. Vouchers can be left in the collecting boxes in the church porch or BT telephone box on The Street. Thank you very much!

Plodding in July

The “Plod” this month is to be held on Sunday 10th July, leaving Starston Jubilee Hall at 10.25 am. Car parking & toilets are available at the Jubilee Hall.

The 5.5 mile walk at the north end of Starston parish takes us through beautiful local countryside. We set off through the Glebe Meadow, over the pedestrian bridge and along Low Row until we reach the footpath that essentially runs parallel to Hardwick Road. This path runs along the valley through meadows, along field edges, past Starston Woods, until we reach Wood Lane.

From there we turn left, cross Hardwick Road and walk along Mull’s Loke, a green track, in the direction of Bush Green. We follow the public right of way along the hedge line, round Kemp’s Corner and then head back towards Pulham St Mary on footpaths crossing fields with big Norfolk skies above us – the views are amazing! The walk finishes on Skinner’s Lane. Cars will bring walkers back to the Jubilee Hall. At the end of the walk, weather permitting, we can then enjoy a BYO picnic in the Glebe Meadow. If you would like to get to know your local countryside a bit better, or would simply enjoy the fresh air, exercise and good company, do join us. Walking or stout shoes are recommended.

Ann Leitch



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Long to Reign.....

Despite the deluge (35ml of rain was recorded just south of the Glebe Meadow) those who braved the weather enjoyed the Queen's Birthday Party. Even the youngest village resident, 13 day old Victoria, attended once the rain stopped.



It rained so hard that those of us who were sheltering in the tea tent couldn't even hear the bells ringing. At one point, when the rain came in through the roof, what had been on the table had to be placed under it to keep it dry.



Despite his stop-the-rain dance even the Rev Norman Steer couldn't make the sun shine, but carried on regardless. The Open Air (in a tent) Service went well, and we could just about hear ourselves singing, and those stranded in the various shelters joined in with a hearty rendition of the National Anthem.



Earlier, in the Jubilee Hall, the Bake Off judges, Tish Lombe Taylor and Debbie Griffin had the task of tasting all the entries in the competition (poor things!) The under 11 group was won by 9 year old Ella Wilson from The Street. There were no entries in the 11 to 17 age group, so two prizes were awarded in the over 17 group. Jane German was the winner with a very tasty and nicely decorated cake, and Cindy Elliot was highly commended for the exceptionally good flavour of her chocolate

cake. Ella Wilson went on to win the overall First Prize.

After tea the North Beck beat the South Beck in the Starston Olympics, and the evening was rounded off with music by Zoom Duo & our own Breeze.



Rain, Rain, Rain Over Us!

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And a great time was had by all!





County Council News

The EDP/Norfolk County Council “Write On Norfolk” competition, in association with Jarrold, has been launched to inspire Norfolk's youngest residents and be a fun new way of helping them to keep up their writing and literacy skills over the long summer holiday. It is also designed to complement the county's Big Read Challenge which is being run during the summer in all of Norfolk's libraries. The competition is open to Norfolk children and young people aged between 5 and 13 years old and is for an original piece of creative writing. All details can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/writeon

NCC has selected Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) to become it's first Charity for the year at the council's Re-use Shops – the shops are based at seven NCC recycling centres where people can donate and buy good quality items. NWT will receive 5% of the proceeds from the shops which will be used to support the trusts conservation work, it is expected to generate between £5,000 and £10,000 for them.

£300,000 is available for the sixth round of NCCs parish partnership scheme, this money is for funding local highway projects such as vehicle activated signs, improved crossings and footways. Generally we fund schemes 50:50 with the town and parish councils across all of Norfolk, however, to encourage bids from parishes with annual incomes below £2,000, we'll be considering whether we can give some extra funding on a scheme by scheme basis. Bids have to be submitted by December 16th

In my new role as chairman of EDT (environment development transport) I was pleased to support the 89 small highway projects across Norfolk that have been funded from the £1.5m small project fund. A mixture of schemes came forward such as drainage, patching, resurfacing and feasibility studies on traffic, these will be done during this financial year. Another area I am involved with is the Ash Die Back disease in our Ash trees, NCC are working with other agencies and groups to see what action and plans can be put in place to help stop it killing all of our ash trees and to help reduce the spread of this disease, also we have many large Ash trees beside the highways and these need to be monitored for safety reasons.

My next surgery is on Saturday July 9th 10am at HIP

Martin Wilby martin.wilby@norfolk.gov.uk 01379 741504

GOOD PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ON PAGE 17 OPPOSITE!

70 Starston Festival of Bells 70

A celebration of seventy years bell ringing by
St Margaret's Tower Captain,
(117 years by Captain and wife).

The Festival, on Sunday July 17th from 13.00 hrs to
18.00 hrs involves tower bells and hand-bells in
St Margaret's church, a mini ring of church bells and
hand-bells on the Glebe, Walland Express unit,
a hand-bell team, and refreshments at the Jubilee Hall.

The Rt Rev Bishop of Norwich is attending the festival
and will preach at the Ringers Service in St Margaret's
at 15.00 with the Rev Norman Steer.

This is a free event, all are welcome.
A special welcome to ringers of all abilities. Why not
try if you have never tried.

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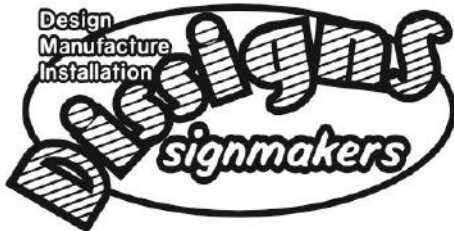
Harleston U3A

If you are no longer in full time employment and would like to find out if membership of U3A could be of interest, there are two ways to find out more.

The website describes the aims of U3A, the different groups and activities available and also information about the speakers booked for our monthly meeting as well as planned visits to popular venues. If you prefer face-to-face contact come along to the Swan Hotel, Harleston at 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month. We have a tea and social session giving time to chat to members and group leaders about any group you might like to join. This is followed by a talk on a topic of interest. This year alone, topics have covered "Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses", "Ghosts of Olde Norwich" and "We'll Meet Again, an Evacuee's Story." The talk by Mike Weatherstone booked for the 20th July will be "Norfolk – A History Through its Village Signs".

The "Third Age Trust" which oversees this wide and ever-expanding organisation has focussed recently on the type of disabilities likely to affect (mainly) over sixties and hopes to raise awareness and cater for members experiencing difficulties. The main aim of U3A is to keep people curious, enthusiastic, socially engaged and, most of all - looking back with pleasure and looking forward with anticipation. For further information contact our membership secretary, Kim, on 01986 788149 or log on to our website www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston.

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Breeze's Journey Continues

Breeze and Jackie Redwine and friends have been running a tombola and cake stall to raise money to help fund Breeze's trip to Long Beach, California, in July to take part in the World Championships of Performing Arts (WCPA). Last year 13-year old Breeze from Starston won the pre-teen category at the UK-wide Teenstar singing competition. Her dream is to become a professional singer and this intensive coaching and learning experience with world class promoters in attendance could be instrumental in her future career.



You may have seen Breeze performing at the Queen's Birthday Party in the village.
We all wish her the very best of luck.

DON'T FORGET!

We love to hear what you've been up to, whether it be fund raising or celebrating, but we can only print your story if you tell us about it! Team contact details are inside the front cover, or e-mail: editor@pigeonpost.org.uk



Looking Forward To August

Starston Annual Fete & BBQ

The annual Fete & BBQ will take place at The Old Rectory, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Tony Wheal, on Saturday 6th August, starting at 6pm.

The usual range of games of chance and skill will be played.

There will be stalls for cakes, preserves, pickles & pies; bric a brac ; a book stall; Bottle Tombola; Raffle and a draw will be made for the 100 Club.

Liquid refreshments in the form of Pimms and draught beer will be available at the bar.

John Formston

Teddy Bears Picnic Sunday 21st August

This year we have a new attraction, Mad Science, a live show where, among other things, the sparks fly and you can try on some amazing light-bending glasses. There'll also be all the great things you've come to expect - giant games, story-telling, bouncy obstacle course, face painting, scrumptious cake, crafty things to do – and for the first time Paravani's ice cream will be on sale. Entrance and most of the activities are absolutely free. Do come and enjoy the fun on the Glebe Meadow on the afternoon of Sunday 21st August, from 2 o'clock onwards. Bring your children. Bring your grandchildren. Bring your teddy. You are all welcome.

BETJEMEN AND BENNETT REVISITED

Saturday 27th August 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
St Margaret's Church, Starston
An Evening of Poetry, Prose & Play
Presented by
Meg Davies and Brian Ellis

A welcome return of this thoroughly enjoyable evening of literary entertainment

Entrance £10 including finger buffet.
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Plumbing On The Move

Anyone who has ever done a road trip or who simply uses hotels, motels or B&Bs a lot, will recognise the ‘plumbing uncertainty principle’. True, it is a great improvement on the situation of 30 or 40 years ago when, if you needed the loo during the night in your average B&B, you had to pull on your dressing gown, venture out of your room, down a corridor, round a corner and up a small flight of stairs to find the communal bathroom.

Those days are (mostly) long since gone. It is rare for any accommodation now not to have ensuite facilities but how those facilities work is quite another matter. To be fair it is only once in the last 30 odd years that I have come across a non-functioning toilet in my room. Unfortunately it happened to be in Spain where I had great difficulty explaining the problem. In the end I resorted to dramatic chain pulling gestures accompanied by “No funcionar”. That did the trick. Occasionally I have come across a vacuum toilet which possibly functions too well as you wonder if you are about to be sucked into the depths of the earth. Or the automatic ones that start work the second you lift your bum off the seat. But at least they work.

Showers however are quite another matter. A few are quite straightforward but often I come across a selection of dials and knobs that make me regret I don’t have an engineering background. The ones that operate in conjunction with the bath tap are even more confusing. Do I push that, pull that or twist that to switch the water from the bath to the shower? Usually, having soaked my feet in freezing water, I bend down to peer at the controls at which point it decides, of its own accord I am certain, to switch to boiling hot water from the shower the force of which forces me prone in the bath swearing violently.

Then there are the hand basins. Ah, the basins. The problem here is usually the plugs or stoppers and one of the most common ones is there isn’t one. This means you have to wash under running water, switching from the red hot tap to the cold tap without the luxury of being able to mix them together. Or the plug is there but it does not work so again you either have to wash very quickly before the water drains away or you need to calculate how much flow to leave running out of the tap to keep the water level constant. This situation always reminds me of my 0-Level maths questions: “If water is flowing into a bath at 1 pint per minute and draining out at .25 of a pint per minute, how long will it take to fill a bath of 8 gallons?”

Sometimes I think it would be simpler just to carry a bar of soap with you and wait until it rains.

Michael Bartlett



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Local Films in July

Pennoyers Film (Pulham St Mary)

Title: The Dressmaker (12A)

Date: Friday 22nd July **Time:** 8.00 pm (Bar opens at 7.15)

Cost: £5.00 in advance, £5.50 on the door.

In 1950's Australia, dressmaker Tilly returns to her tiny hometown to right wrongs and reconcile with her mother. She starts to fall in love while transforming the fashion of the town.

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Harleston Film (Masonic Rooms, Thoroughfare, Harleston)

Title: The Revenant (15)

Date: Thursday 28th July **Time:** 7.30 pm (Doors open at 7.00 pm)

Cost: £4.00

An American survival film which follows a man's quest for revenge after one of his men betrays him, kills his son, and leaves him behind, severely wounded.

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Alburgh Film (Alburgh Village Hall)

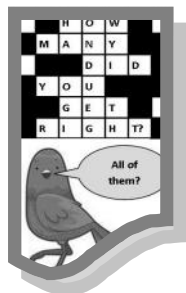
Title: Dad's Army (PG)

Date: Friday 15th July **Time:** 7.30 pm (Doors & bar open at 6.45 pm)

Cost: £4.00 - pay on the door. Fish and chips available.

The Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon deal with a visiting female journalist and a German spy as World War II draws to its conclusion.

Answers to the June Crossword



ACROSS

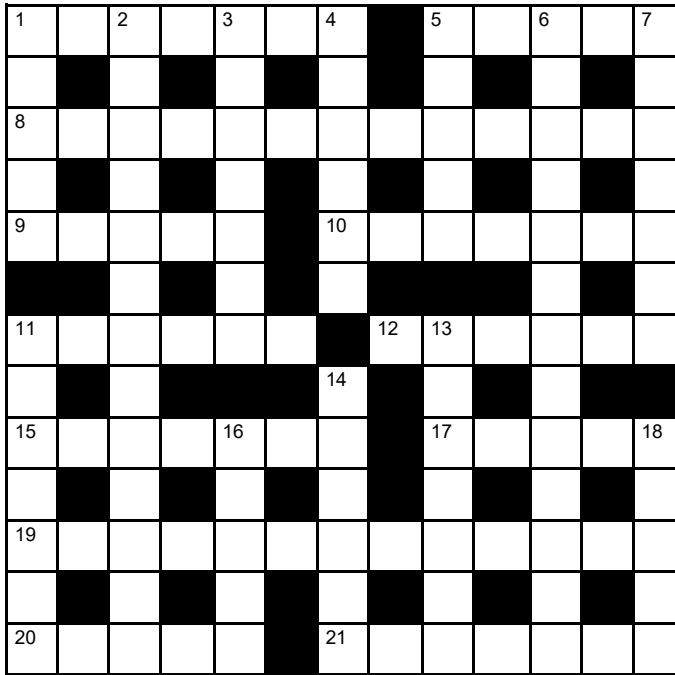
7. Hara-Kiri
8. Sham
9. Bamboo
10. Upbeat
11. Perth
12. Run riot
15. Popular
17. Singe
20. Valise
22. Bovine
23. Hide
24. Immunise

DOWN

1. Jalapeno
2. Gambit
3. Minor
4. Liqueur
5. Isobar
6. Gala
13. Organise
14. Rarebit
16. Unites
18. Invent
19. A-Bomb
21. Akin



July Crossword by Puffin



CLUES ACROSS

1. Winning couple (3-4)
5. Troublesome behaviour or temporary promotion (3,2)
8. Message carrying flyer (7,6)
9. Rubbish, offal (5)
10. Town in Italy (7)
11. As new (6)
12. Rare (6)
15. Roman or American legislator (7)
17. A two numbered relationship (5)
19. Strong flavoured vegetables (7,6)
20. Bashfully (5)
21. Most difficult (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Implicit (5)
2. Of the highest legislative authority (13)
3. Liquorice flavour (7)
4. Uncommon (6)
5. Cover story (5)
6. Hoxne hoard (8,5)
7. Horse ailment (4,3)
11. Unyielding (7)
13. Investigator of deaths (7)
14. Prop (6)
16. Match up (5)
18. Start (5)



Benefice Services in July

	3rd Trinity 6	10th Trinity 7	17th Trinity 8	24th Trinity 9	31st Trinity 10
Dickleburgh	9.30am PC	9.30am PC	9.30am BCP Service 10.00am CC	9.30am PC	9.30am PC
Pulham Market	9.30am HC 6.30pm Celebration	8.00am HC 10.45am Memorial Hall	9.30am HC	9.30am SW	9.30am HC
Pulham St Mary	8.00am HC 9.30am Messy Church	9.30am HC	9.30am Horticultural Service	9.30am HC	9.30am BCP Matins
Rushall	11.00am BCP Matins	11.00am HC	11.00am SW	11.00am SW	No Service
Starston	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Matins	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Great and Small	11.00 TBA
Thelveton	11.00am HC	11.00am BCP Matins	With Dickleburgh	11.00am SW	4.30pm Frenze Evening

Key To Services

HC: Holy Communion **PC:** Parish Communion

BCP: Book of Common Prayer **SW:** Sunday Worship

CC: Café Church



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