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# Village Diary

*Saturday 1st October* 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm

*Village Photo Judging + Macmillan Cancer - see Page 7*

*Saturday 5th November* 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

*Starston Youth Club Guy Fawkes Day - Hillside*

*Monday 21st November* 7.30 pm

*Parish Council Meeting - Jubilee Hall*

*Saturday 17th December* 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

*Youth Club Christmas Party - Jubilee Hall*

## *Future Events in the Village*

*A list of all future events can be found on the website*

*Want to book the Jubilee Hall? At Any Time*

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- Let us know of anything happening in the village for this Diary page
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## Around and About the Village

### Welcome:

To Jenny and Chris Doughty who, together with Manny the dog, have recently moved into Yew Tree Cottage (previously known as Railway Cottage) off Railway Hill.



Welcome to Starston.

### Autumn Quiz and Supper

This will take place on Saturday 1st October in Wortwell Community Centre, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £7 and are available from Valerie Barrell 01379 853120 and Brenda Le Grys 01379 852572 until September 27th. Please state when booking if a vegetarian meal is required. The proceeds will be shared between Wortwell URC and the Friends of St. Mary's, Redenhall.

### Diss and Harleston

#### Food and Drink Festival

The next Harleston's Future event will be the Diss and Harleston Food and Drink Festival from 3rd to 16th October. The focus for the first week will be foodie activities in Harleston, including a Food Trail around the shops and cafes with tastings and demonstrations, culminating in A Taste of Harleston on Saturday 8th October.

### Pennoyers Annual Bulb Sale

Saturday 8th Oct from 9.30 am. Top quality bulbs at discount prices with planting advice. On the same day we have our Pennoyer Centre Bake Off as part of the Harleston and Waveney Food Festival. Come and sample delicious homemade cakes and bakes and vote for your favourite. Licensed Bar and Cafe open.

### South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band

There will be a musical evening with the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band at St Andrew's Church, Weybread on 15th October at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets £10, includes glass of wine or soft drink. Contact Jim 01379 586888 or email [james.hutchinson840@btinternet.com](mailto:james.hutchinson840@btinternet.com)

### Pennoyers Christmas Craft Fair

This year the Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday 5th November from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

### A Festival of Christmas Customs and Traditions

St Andrew's Church, Weybread, on 26th and 27th November, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. There will be craft stalls and refreshments in Weybread Hall Farm Barn near to the church. More details from Paula 01379 852110 or Sue 01379 586434. [sueofnunnery@btinternet.com](mailto:sueofnunnery@btinternet.com)

### Award For Goodies

The management and staff at Goodies have won the Best Independent Retailer of the Year award in the Great British Food Awards 2016 (Eastern Region). Thanks to all Goodies' customers, suppliers and staff for their continued support and loyalty.



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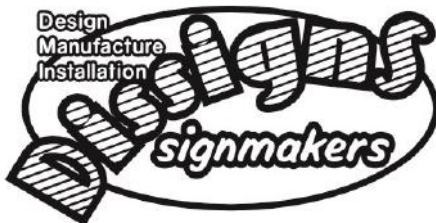
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## **Notes From The Editor**

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Hello again. As well as closing the Village Photo Competition we are this month launching another Short Story Competition after the success of the event last year (see page 9). Come to our Macmillan Cancer Support Tea Party on 1st October to see the photos, and maybe get some inspiration for a short story too!

An interesting piece of information for you. Have you ever had a power cut and, in the dark, had to try to look up the phone number to report it? Fear no more, in future all you need to do is dial 105 to report a power cut.

If you do not have the internet, but require further information about anything mentioned as being 'on the village website' please call me (852387)

Sue

### **Vote for the Village Photo and Help Macmillan Cancer Support**

The Pigeon Post Photo Competition closed on 31st August and by now our judge, Frances Crickmore, will have chosen the winners. These will be announced in the November Pigeon Post.

However, you also have a chance to judge the pictures yourselves and vote for the Village Prize. All the photos entered for the competition will be displayed at the Jubilee Hall on Saturday 1st October from 2.30 to 5.30 pm and you can come along and cast a vote for your favourite in the two categories, under 16 and over 16. There is a prize of £20 for the winner in each category.

Also that afternoon we are holding a tea and cake afternoon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, so do pop in, vote, buy a slice, drink a cup, have fun and support a really worthwhile charity. That's not a bad afternoon's work, is it?

As well as tea and cake there will be a Tombola stall where everyone who enters will win a prize of one kind or another. We are also suggesting that anyone who has any surplus fruit, vegetables or other produce should bag it up and bring it along to sell in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All proceeds from the afternoon will go to the charity. The cash prizes for the two competitions will be paid by Pigeon Post.

Hope to see you there.



## Notes from A Starston Garden

### Name That Plant

“What’s that?” asked my friend Teresa, pointing to a plant with an ungainly appearance but beautiful blue flowers, much frequented by bees. I had to admit that I didn’t know but as it was part of the Pictorial Meadows mix (which I mentioned last month) I’d be able to find out and let her know. A few days later I looked out the seed packet which was singularly unhelpful; it had a pretty picture of the *Patchwork Quilt* mixture which it contained, but no details of the species that made up the patchwork.



The company’s catalogue and web site were almost as unhelpful, merely saying the seed mix had over twenty species which included species such as meadow buttercup, musk mallow, field scabious etc. etc. Well I knew my mystery plant wasn’t any of those but by using Google Images to check the species I didn’t know I’ve been able to identify it as viper’s bugloss. Sorted.



However I’ve had less success with another plant identification problem. This photo was sent to me by a friend in Staines called Anne who’s discovered it on a bit of land she bought at the back of her garden. “I didn’t plant it,” she said. Well, no, most of us wouldn’t as it’s not an object of beauty. I didn’t know what it was so I sent the picture to Roberta, who’s very knowledgeable about plants. She didn’t know what it was either. So I’ve posted it on Facebook which brought various responses including a thought that it might be henbane and the suggestion that it could be a member of the plant family which includes potatoes, tomatoes – and deadly nightshade.

I reckon what’s needed is a phone app which allows you to capture an image of a plant and then compare it with a stored library of images to come up with a definitive answer. If such an app exists I’d be delighted to hear about it or, if that’s still pie in the sky, an answer to Anne’s identification problem.

*Dee The Gardener*

### **Topical Tip**

Put barrier glue or grease bands round the trunks of apple and pear trees to prevent winter moth climbing up into the branches.





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## ***Pigeon Post Short Story Competition 2016***

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The Pigeon Post Short Story competition is underway – the closing date is 30th November 2016. The rules and entry form are available on the Pigeon Post page of the village web site.

For those of you who are thinking of entering but are not sure where to start here is some guidance from the novelist and short story writer, Zoë Fairbairns. Zoë is the author of a Teach Yourself Book “***Write Short Stories and Get Them Published***” which offers lots of good advice to would-be writers. The book is published by Hodder Education (ISBN 978-1-444-12403-3).

This is the list of Zoë’s top 10 points to keep in mind when writing a short story.

1. Short stories are short.
2. And they are stories. Something has to happen.
3. When it has happened, end the story.
4. If you are a beginner, restrict yourself to the first person and the past tense until you are more confident.
5. Let the narrator tell the story as if they were talking to a friend.
6. Centre your story around one person in a situation of difficulty, and show how that difficulty is resolved or not resolved.
7. If your factual story wants to turn itself into fiction, let it.
8. And vice versa.
9. But don’t give in to pressure to say which is which.
10. Value friends who respect your writing.

We’ve all written stories of one kind or another in letters, in a diary or just telling someone about something that has happened to you. It’s great fun so why not have a go. The competition is open to anyone who lives or works in Starston and the winning entries will be published in Pigeon Post next year.

### **Farewell Message from PC Jim Squires**

Some of you will be aware that I have been off work for a number of weeks after donating a kidney to my little boy. I wanted to let you know it has been decided that on my return I will not be returning to a front line role, due to the risks to my own health and well-being. This means I will not be returning to Harleston as the community beat manager. My successor will be announced in due course but can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, advice and assistance over the two and half years. I wish you, all the very best for the future.



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## ***Parish Council News***

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**Ward Boundaries** – the pattern of wards is intended to reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government, whilst achieving roughly the same number of electors for each district councillor across the county. As Starston Parish Council, we responded to the LGBC (Local Government Boundary Commission) back in July advising that we wish to remain in a ward with other rural parishes. The South Norfolk District Council submission to the LGBC has proposed that Starston, along with Redenhall, Needham, Brockdish and Harleston, becomes one ward with two District Councillors. Cllr Clayton Hudson has supported the Parish Council preference and has submitted an alternative proposal to LGBC, suggesting a ward composed of Starston, the Pulhams, Rushall and Dickleborough. This proposal has also received the backing of Cllr Martin Wilby. With the initial consultation period now closed, LGBC will consider all submissions and develop proposals on ward boundaries for further public consultation between November 2016 and January 2017.

**Free Community Superfast Wifi Broadband** – this should be going live at the Jubilee Hall in October 2016. It will be accessible from both within the hall and from the car park. Please keep an eye on the Starston Village website notices for the go-live date. The service will be provided for at least 2 years, funded from grants and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. The Jubilee Hall Trustees and Parish Council will monitor its usage, which will help inform whether this community service will continue to be provided in the longer term. Please keep us informed of your experience of this free Wi-Fi village facility. It would also be interesting to know the circumstances under which you use it, eg loss of broadband at home; children's party streaming music/ films; accessing the internet whilst attending a meeting at the Jubilee Hall etc.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy** – the Banks family are moving from Starston, which has created a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are community minded, like finding solutions to problems, listening to people, supporting village initiatives and deciding how to spend a limited amount of money within the parish, this could be for you. Full details on the role and responsibilities of a Parish Councillor can be found at <http://2015starstonvillage.co.uk/starston1/legal-documents/> on the village website or please contact me. We'd like to hear from you. There is a summary of the Role of a Parish Councillor as it relates to Starston on the opposite page.

**Parish Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)** - The Parish Council would like to thank Sonja for her service as Parish Clerk to the village for over 2 years. We wish her every success in her teaching career. We will be welcoming a new Parish Clerk in October 2016. She can be contacted via the usual email address: [starstonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:starstonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk). Due to the early press date for the October Pigeon Post, details will be published in the November edition.

*Ann Leitch*  
**Parish Council Chairman**



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## ***The Role of a Parish Councillor***

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This is a brief summary of the role of a Parish Councillor as it relates to Starston

- A Parish Councillor is responsible to all people who are resident in the Parish
- Councillors are required to liaise regularly with other councillors, local authorities and residents
- The period of service is 4 years or until the next election (2019) with possible extension
- There is no salary as this is a voluntary position, though expenses may be paid in certain circumstances
- Councillors in Starston are not affiliated to any specific political party

### **Main Purpose of a Parish Councillor**

This is to represent the views of all residents within your parish.

### **Secondary purposes**

These include:

- Deciding on how much to raise through the Council Tax in order to deliver your Parish Council's services.
- Influencing and shaping the long term development policy for the Parish and, as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the Parish.
- Improving the quality of life and the environment in your local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

### **In order to become a Parish Councillor you must:**

- Be over 21 and on the electoral register
- Be a resident of the parish for which you are standing (although there are certain exceptions)
- Be able to attend regular evening meetings (in Starston meetings are held 6 times year)
- Have an interest in local issues and things which affect people
- Have an understanding and willingness to represent the views of the whole community

Further details are available on the Parish Council section of the village website, from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils or by talking to Ann Leitch, Chairman of Starston Parish Council.



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## County Council News

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Norfolk County Council's Library Service has launched Spydus Mobile, a free app that residents can download onto their smartphone or tablet to access library services and manage their membership at any time, "on the move". The app allows users to search for books, place holds on interesting items, download e-books and audio books, keep track of their library account and manage their loans. To download Spydus Mobile for Apple and Android devices visit the App Store or Google Play and select Norfolk Library and Information Service.

The Waveney Valley is well known for its beautiful market towns and attractions so, to attract and inspire more tourists to visit these locations, a photographic exhibition has been installed at Diss Railway Station. The project is a partnership between Abellio, NCC, South Norfolk Council, Diss Town Council and the Waveney Valley Towns Team.

Devolution Update: The results from the public consultation (11,000 responses) show a majority of respondents generally in favour of the devolution proposals, but there are also many concerns about the proposal of a Mayor for the combined authority of Norfolk and Suffolk. There is to be a County Council meeting on 3rd November where a decision will be taken whether to proceed or not.

Good Luck to Robin Twigge and Frances Hopkins with their new Swift Piano Bar at the Swan Hotel in Harleston. The Art Deco-themed room is named in honour of the swift population that visits the town and is an ideal venue for private parties, afternoon tea parties, supper nights and special music evenings.

**Martin Wilby**

### Rector Vacancy

After several months when he has been unable to fulfil his normal duties, James Roskelly has left the Benefice of which Starston is part. The following statement has been received from the diocese.

*"The Revd James Roskelly has stepped down from his position as Rector of Dickleburgh and The Pulhams, after six years in post.*

*The Rural Dean of Redenhall Deanery, the Revd Nigel Tuffnell, is working with the churches to ensure that their work and witness continue in the coming months, whilst the position is vacant.*

*We ask for your continued prayers and support until a replacement is found."*



## ***Southern Hemisphere Adventure 1: Australia***

Christmas Day 2015 and instead of spending it in Starston eating turkey and listening to the Queen's Speech I was frantically packing last minute items and checking I had my passport over and over again! 3.00 pm and off to Heathrow for a flight to Dubai, and then on to Sydney, Australia! The jet lag was spent with close family friends in Castle Hill, before flying down to Melbourne for New Year's Eve with a group from University in Manchester.

I spent a month in Melbourne, just exploring and enjoying the 30<sup>0</sup>+ heat, before heading to Bali for a few weeks at the end of January. We started in Seminyak, a small town not far from the main airport on the Island, then headed up to Ubud where we visited a monkey forest and had the most amazing day on mopeds, exploring the mountains, visiting coffee and chocolate plantations, a holy temple in the forest and all the rice fields away from the tourist areas.

After Ubud we took a long (and rather sickly) boat over to the famous Gili Islands! We stayed on Gili Trawangan, famous for its "back packer parties" and crystal clear waters. Unfortunately it was wet season, but on the perfect blue sky days we went snorkelling and diving and on row boats out to the ocean to swim with turtles and beautiful tropical fish! After Gili we went to Lombok for a few days before heading back to Melbourne where it seemed the whole of my University course were now living and working.

I spent a month working in a call centre with some friends, and catering at some of the most beautiful weddings on the weekends. All to save up some more money to be able to travel up the famous East Coast of Australia.



I left on the 2nd April from Sydney on the over-night bus to Byron Bay, a small surfer town that is full of character and amazing people who just want to lie on the beach, go surfing and relax! Heaven for me! A Canadian girl and I climbed to the top of the lighthouse hill at 4.00 am one day to see the most amazing sunrise, accompanied by a family of dolphins!

We then continued up to Surfers Paradise, Noosa, Rainbow Beach (where we spent three days on the remote yet ridiculously stunning Fraser Island, best weekend ever!), then headed North to Airlie Beach to sail around the Whitsunday Islands for a few days before reaching our final destination in Cairns! All in the space of four weeks!

***Rosie Barker***



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## ***Teddy Bears' Picnic...***

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Starston's Teddy Bears Picnic was again a resounding success. On 21st August The Glebe Meadow was thronged with children, their bears and the adult minders.



Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream, the stories of Uncle Milo, the Parachute game and a chance to get covered in modelling clay in the craft tent.







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## ... Sunday 21st August

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The face painting was artistic and the Mad Science show was full of sparks and slime. As ever the bouncy obstacle course was hugely popular.



The organisers would like to thank everyone who was involved in the event:

- Uncle Milo (aka Norman Steer), Laura Bird of Mad Science and Hayley Bird of Sunshine Artists
- Peter Grimble for mowing the Meadow and erecting the safety fencing
- Those who erected and dismantled the tents
- The Starston bakers
- The Limecrete Company for sponsoring the generator
- N. L. Roper and Sons Ltd for supplying the drinks in the tea tent
- The many volunteers who helped before, during and after the event
- Everyone in the village who saved their EDP vouchers so that we got a grant to cover the cost of the bouncy obstacle course.

Thank you all for making this village event such a success.



## The Red Phone Box

As BT prepares to remove many of the familiar red telephone boxes from our streets, (including possibly the one in The Street in Starston) it might be interesting to take a look at the history of this iconic structure.

In 1921 Britain's first standard kiosk, the imaginatively named Kiosk No 1 (abbreviated to K1) was introduced. Its design was conservative and appeared somewhat old-fashioned. The first red Telephone Box was a K2, introduced in 1926 and over the next nine years some 1,700 examples were installed, mostly in London. K3 had a short life, then came K4 which incorporated a stamp machine and post box. In 1935 the GPO commissioned K6 (K5 never made it to production) to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of George V and they installed these in all towns and cities with a Post Office. The first K7 models in 1962 were ahead of their time; the use of aluminium and extensive use of glass would only be adopted by the GPO's successor, British Telecom, in the 1980s. The K8 kiosk reverted to tried and trusted cast-iron and was introduced in 1968 in Westminster, London.

By 1981 the Post Office was split into two separate businesses: British Telecommunications and the Post Office. This was a prelude to the privatisation of the telecommunications side of the business, which was completed in April 1984. Since then the majority of red Telephone Boxes have either been removed or replaced with BT branded modern kiosks. The final challenge to the kiosks has been the change in the telecommunications market. Between 2005 and 2008 payphone usage in the UK halved. From a peak of 92,000 kiosks, around 51,500 survived and today just 11,000 kiosks remain.



In March 2006, as part of a competition to find Britain's favourite design icon since 1900, the Telephone Box was placed in the top ten. As kiosk usage declined further, the company developed an "Adopt a Kiosk" scheme, allowing local authorities to adopt under-used kiosks for £1.00, with the community assuming responsibility for maintaining them. By September 2011 around 1,500 communities across the UK had adopted a kiosk. Many have been converted as homes for Public Access Defibrillators as part of a scheme between BT and The Community Heartbeat Trust. The "Adopt a Kiosk" scheme demonstrates a number of points: the strength of local communities; individuals and communities standing up to preserve and maintain our heritage; communities uniting in a voluntary capacity to maintain a community asset; the fondness amongst the British public for the red Telephone Box; and the importance of keeping adopted kiosks at the heart of local communities.



## Firework Event Saturday 5th November from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm



Primary School children and Pre-school children  
will meet at Hillside, The Street  
For details see Youth Club Page on Starston Village Website  
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We look forward to seeing you!  
*Nicola Wilson, Jane Thompson, Ann Leitch*

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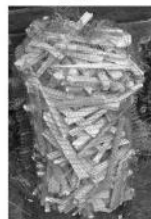


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## ***Lions Walk for Children In Need***

Harleston Lions invite you to join them on a Country Walk in aid of "BBC Children in Need" on Sunday 30th October. Please meet at 10.00 am on the recreation ground car park. The walk will take approximately three hours through Norfolk and Suffolk countryside so please wear good stout walking boots/shoes and dress accordingly for the weather. Please bring your own water and sustenance for the ramble.



We ask for a minimum donation of £5.00, all of which will go to the appeal - sponsorship forms are available on request from Lion Val Tolhurst.

Members of Harleston Lions Club will also be making a collection for this appeal in Harleston and surrounding area on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November - please give generously.



This walk and collection may well be the last time Harleston Lions take part in this charity, which we have always supported since our formation and have raised well over £50,000 for the cause. We thank you all for your tremendous support over the years.

Unfortunately we expect this to be the last event that will be run by Harleston Lions Club. Unless we get a sudden influx of new members the Club will cease on 31st December 2016 after thirty years' service in the community.

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**Ed Note: How very sad to think that Harleston Lions may be folding, they have done so much for others over the years.**

### **Crossword Appeal**

Do you think you could compile a crossword? We are about to lose two of our compilers so from the beginning of next year we will only have one crossword compiler left. It is not possible for one volunteer compiler to provide a new crossword every month so, unless we can find some more people to compile a crossword, we will have to drop the monthly crossword puzzle in Pigeon Post from the new year. If you fancy having a go then we use a 13x13 grid and pre-planned grids are available for anyone who is interested. Please contact me on 01379 852318 or at [editor@pigeonpost.org.uk](mailto:editor@pigeonpost.org.uk)

*Michael*



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## ***Borderhoppa Drivers Needed***

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Can you spare some time to help with a vital community service? Borderhoppa, the provider of community transport across more than forty parishes in South Norfolk, urgently needs volunteer drivers to help with regular outings for residents in the areas covered by the scheme.

“Community transport works because of the goodwill and time given by people who volunteer as drivers, office staff and trustees” explains Lucy Edwards, Borderhoppa Manager. “What we really need right now are drivers to help with our special outings, including trips to the coast, lunches and visits to garden centres.”

Service users value the outings as ways of getting out and about and meeting up with friends, which many people are otherwise unable to do, either because they don't have a car or don't have access to a regular commercial bus service to and from where they live.

“Social isolation and loneliness are real problems in rural areas, especially for older residents,” said Lucy, “and community transport is often that vital link to being able to get out and about, contributing to good health and mental well-being.”

Volunteers are the lifeblood of community transport across Norfolk and volunteer drivers are always welcome (drivers need to have a D1 category on their licence, basically entitlement to drive a minibus with no more than 18 passengers). Mileage expenses are paid but the time commitment is a gift to the community.

To find out more, call Borderhoppa on 01379 854800 or e-mail [adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com](mailto:adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com). Visit [www.borderhoppa.org](http://www.borderhoppa.org) to find out more about the scheme and the towns and villages covered in South Norfolk.

### **.....and Community First Responders are required for the Starston and Pulham area**

Anyone can volunteer to become a community first responder but you must:

- Be physically fit
- Agree to a criminal record bureau check
- Have a full driving licence and the use of a car
- Have a caring nature
- Agree to undertake training

If you are interested or wish to talk about the scheme to see if it is for you please email: [NorfolkResponder@eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:NorfolkResponder@eastamb.nhs.uk) or contact me direct

***Shaun Button Group Co-Ordinator, Waveney Valley Responders  
07713810946 / 01379 852786***



## Somme Centenary Commemoration

Norman and I were fortunate to win tickets in the ballot for the Thiepval Somme Centenary Commemoration event on 1st July, which you may have seen on television. It was a moving and humbling experience. We went with a friend from the Royal British Legion, and together we laid the Dickleburgh RBL wreath at the Cross of Sacrifice at Thiepval to remember those men from our local parishes who died on the Somme battlefield, several of whom were killed on the first day, 1st July 1916. Over a dozen local men are commemorated on the huge and imposing Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, including Albert Brock, Philip Goldsmith, Frederick Osborne, John Roberts and George Cutting from Starston.

We were on a guided battlefield trip, so on the two days either side of the Thiepval event we toured the entire Somme front. We visited many of the major sites, especially those relating to the 1st July 1916 when 19,240 British and Commonwealth men died as they went 'over the top' and walked (assuming the Germans had been wiped out by the artillery barrage and because it was not seemly for British troops to run) across No Man's Land towards the German trenches.

The whole trip was a deeply moving experience, but several moments stand out - laying a wreath on my great uncle's grave at Delville Wood; seeing the area around High Wood where he was killed and initially buried; the Sunken Lane in No Man's Land, just below the Hawthorn Ridge and Crater where so many of the Lancashire Fusiliers were mown down by German machine guns on 1st July; and the former Royal Marines who yomped this summer from Grimsby to Sheffield Park on the Somme to lay 19,240 poppy crosses and numerous wreaths in memory of the Pals Battalions that were decimated on the Somme.

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**Laurence Binyon, *For the Fallen***

*Rosemary Steer*





# Thiepval 1916—2016





## ***Starston Church Fete and BBQ***

This year it was held in the delightful surroundings of The Old Rectory, courtesy of Tony and Margaret Wheal and we thank them for their generosity. The customary stalls selling cakes, jams, plants and produce did their normal roaring trade and the Rollerball, Bowls, and other games were as popular as ever. The BBQ, Pimms and beer stalls were both cleaned out as the fine weather prompted thirst and appetite amongst the good crowd that attended.

Last year the Bee Keeping stall was a very popular novelty, creating great interest. This year Peter Grimble and his team went one better as, not only did they put on an excellent display, but also had jars of Starston Glebe Meadow Honey to taste and purchase. They sold 60 jars of both runny and set honey. It was fascinating that two hives produced honey of a different colour, one light and the other much darker. All are delicious and if anyone likes honey there is more available for sale.

Thanks to all who were involved in organising the event and for running the various stalls and games and to the donors of all the cakes and produce. A grand sum of £1,200 was raised in aid of church funds. Well done everybody.

*Starston PCC*

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## Local Films in October

### Pennovers Film (Pulham St Mary)

**Title:** Eddie The Eagle (12)

**Date:** Friday 21st October **Time:** 8.00 pm (Bar opens at 7.15)

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

Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story about Michael "Eddie" Edwards, an unlikely but courageous British ski jumper who never stopped believing in himself - even as an entire nation was counting him out.

Booking advisable - phone 01379 676660. Ices available.

### Harleston Film (Masonic Rooms, Thoroughfare, Harleston)

**Title:** The Man Who Knew Infinity (PG13)

**Date:** Thursday 27th October **Time:** 7.30 pm (Doors open at 7.00 pm)

**Cost:** £4.00

The true story of a friendship that forever changed mathematics. In 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan, a self-taught Indian mathematics genius, travelled to Trinity College, Cambridge, where over the course of five years he forged a bond with his mentor, the brilliant and eccentric professor, G.H. Hardy, and fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematic genius to the world.

Book with Harleston Information Plus on 01379 851917

### Alburgh Film (Alburgh Village Hall)

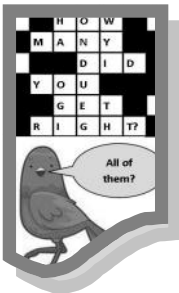
**Title:** Our Kind Of Traitor (15)

**Date:** Friday 21st October **Time:** 7.30 pm (Doors & bar open at 6.45 pm)

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

A couple finds themselves lured into a Russian oligarch's plans to defect, and are soon positioned between the Russian Mafia and the British Secret Service, neither of which they can trust.

## Answers to the September Crossword



### ACROSS

1. Brad
4. Wagtail
9. Obi
10. Adieu
11. Urban
12. Bun
13. Trent
15. Outcast
17. Stride
19. Sundry
23. Eventer
26. Elder

29. Era
30. Vague
31. Ruche
32. Cat
33. Stretch
34. Heap

### DOWN

2. Raise
3. Doubted
4. Winnow
5. Grunt
6. Ambla

7. Lengthy
8. Want
14. Rat
16. Can
17. Sleeves
18. Inn
20. Unearth
21. Rue
22. French
24. Eager
25. Treat
27. Dacha
28. Rhea



## October Crossword by Zennor

1		2				3		4			5
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	12		13			14	15		16		
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21								22			
23				24							

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Good place to buy fresh produce (4,4)
4. Spoilt child (4)
6. Singer lower than a soprano (4)
7. Securing device for a portal (4,4)
9. Convolvulus (8)
10. Could be masculine song of praise (4)
12. Insert an 's' to make a tropical tree a praiseworthy poem (5)
14. A tree found in The Lebanon and other places (5)
19. A general or prince in Afghanistan. It is spelt differently in the Middle East (4)
20. Expression meaning small using imperial measurements (4,4)
21. Catholic ceremonial including incense and music (4,4)
22. Fifty percent (4)
23. Sketch a no-one wins situation (4)
24. A literary way to buy reading matter or talk about it (4,4)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Tummy not as fit as it ought to be (6)
2. Broadcasters love them, naval officers command them (7)
3. Stick an 'r' in a drying cloth to get a gardening implement (6)
4. Burped – very loudly (7)
5. A keepsake, a souvenir or substitute for money (5)
8. The soldier should have been present but wasn't (inits) (4)
11. To inflict damage (3)
12. Australian term for a Brit (3)
13. Day out to watch planes doing stunts (3,4)
15. Tolkien's walking trees (4)
16. Girl's name – she had a party on stage and on TV (7)
17. Humiliating failure (5)
18. Place to keep the instrument for using 7 Across (3,3)
19. Gardeners' enemy (5)



## **Benefice Services in October**

	<b>2nd Trinity 19</b>	<b>9th Trinity 20</b>	<b>16th Trinity 21</b>	<b>23rd Last after Trinity</b>	<b>30th All Saints Day</b>
<b>Dickle- burgh</b>	9.30am PC	9.30am PC	9.30am BCP	9.30am PC	With Starston
<b>Pulham Market</b>	11.30am Harvest Fest 6.30pm Celebration	8.00am HC 10.45am Village Hall	9.30am HC	9.30am SW	With Starston
<b>Pulham St Mary</b>	8.00am BCP Communion 9.30am Messy Church	9.30am HC	9.30am BCP Matins	9.30am HC	With Starston
<b>Rushall</b>	11.00am Harvest Fest	11.00am HC	11.00am SW	11.00am SW	With Starston
<b>Starston</b>	11.00am BCP Communion	5.00pm Harvest Festival	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Great and Small	10.00am Benefice Communion
<b>Thelveton</b>	11.00am HC	11.00am BCP Matins	With Dickleburgh	11.00am SW	With Starston

### Key To Services

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

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

**CC:** Café Church



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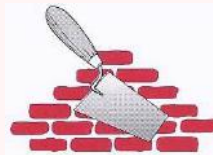
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