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# Village Diary

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*Saturday 15th November* 7.30 pm

*French Evening in the Jubilee Hall- see page 17*

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*Saturday 22nd November* 10am -12.30pm

*St Margaret's Christmas Fayre- Jubilee Hall- see page 22*

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*Tuesday 25th November* 7.30pm

*Parish Council Meeting—Jubilee Hall*

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*Sundays 14th & 21st December* 6pm

*Carol Service Christingle—both @ St Margaret's*

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*Early January 2015 - Date t.b.a.* 7.30 pm

*Parish Council Meeting - Jubilee Hall*

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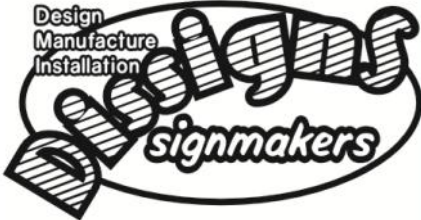
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## Around and About the Village



A very big **WELCOME** to Toby & Suzanne Higginson who have moved into Dairy Farm.

### Cinema In Harleston

The film for November to be shown at the Archbishop Sancroft School, Harleston is 'Chef' (15) is a feel-good comedy with a sharp funny script. Starring Robert Downey Jnr, Scarlett Johansson and Dustin Hoffman.

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Doors open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.30pm.  
Entry is £4. To book seats, please telephone Harleston Information Plus on 01379 851917 – you pay on the door.

### Harleston Fireworks Spectacular

Friday 7th November  
Harleston Fireworks Spectacular (organised by Harleston Lions and Harleston Magpies Hockey Club) at the Hockey Club, Weybread (IP21 5UF).  
Gates open 6.00 pm

### Needham Village Hall

Art and Craft

If you paint/draw or do any craft, we welcome new members. Come and give us a look. We meet on Wednesday afternoons 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Look forward to seeing you.

Jenny: 01379 608116.

### Pennoyers Fourth Annual Beer Festival

Friday 28th Nov 6-11pm

Saturday 29th 11am - 11pm

Sunday 30th 12 - 3pm

A great weekend promised with best local micro breweries plus guest beers, cider and wine. Café open serving hot drinks, beef hotpot and veggie chilli.

All welcome and free entry

### Dates for your diary

#### Starston Annual Carol Service

December 14th 6 p.m.

#### Starston Christingle

December 21st 6 p.m.

The one "not to be missed" event:

New Year Jan 1st 2015 (an event almost unique to Starston) **Meet and Mardle**, an informal meeting in church (no service) to greet 2015. The usual refreshments, to include mulled wine. Bells at noon, Meet & Mardle 12.30. All welcome, bring the littl'ys.



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## Notes from the Editor

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Pigeon Post this month seems to be gearing up towards the dreaded 'C' word...only dreaded due to the hype I hasten to add. As shops are already filling their shelves with stock and some presents already bought (of which I am one of the guilty parties!) I thought I would enlighten you with some fun and random trivia about the seasonal period.

Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.

According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas Fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Centre in Seattle, Washington.

Mistletoe is from the Anglo-Saxon word *misteltan* which means 'little dung twig' because the plant spreads through bird droppings.

The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was reportedly the Protestant reformer Martin Luther. According to legend, he was so moved by the beauty of the stars through the branches of a fir tree, he brought home an evergreen and decorated it with candles.

In Poland, spiders or spiders webs are common Christmas trees decorations because according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus. In fact, Polish people consider spiders to be symbols of goodness and prosperity at Christmas.

Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the US

*Emily*

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## Jubilee Hall AGM

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The AGM of the Starston Jubilee Hall was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September with Bryan Hanner in the chair. Another successful year was reported, both in respect of bookings & event and of finances. The 100 club, run by John Formston, continues to be of great support to the latter. Although generally well maintained, future work on the hall would be inevitable and various projects were discussed. Peter Grimble reported on the Glebe Meadow, which like the hall continues to be a successful addition to the village. See page 18.

Look out for forthcoming events in the Hall and on the Meadow, plenty are planned and will be advertised in Pigeon Post and on the Diary Page of the website.



## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Would you be willing to take Starston residents to hospital appointments? If yes, please read on.....

The Who Cares? survey conducted in August 2014 by Starston Church identified transport for elderly or immobile residents as an issue for a number of households in the village. As a Starston volunteer driver, you could find yourself driving a neighbour to hospital, guiding them to where their outpatient clinic is, waiting while they attend their appointment and then bringing them safely back to their home. (Note: Borderhoppa does not go to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital).

BACT (a local community transport non-profit making organisation based in Bungay), are willing to extend their service to cover Starston, providing there are volunteers from the village who are willing to be drivers. BACT provide transport for elderly, mobility impaired and rurally isolated people (watch a video about BACT on [www.bbact.co.uk](http://www.bbact.co.uk).)

Volunteer drivers decide how much driving they want to do, when and how far. A mileage allowance is provided.

Drivers must have a road worthy car, comprehensive insurance and breakdown cover and be medically fit to drive and assist passengers. They will be required to undertake some basic administration, training and collect money from passengers. As part of the enrolment process, you will go out with a qualified advanced driver who will assess you and give guidance on your driving for passenger comfort and safety.

As you would expect, all volunteer drivers are asked to provide references, have a current driving licence and be prepared to have a DBS (disclosure barring service) check. This is because many passengers will be vulnerable and need the reassurance that, when a driver is provided via BACT, he or she is totally reliable. Please note that the majority of insurance companies will extend a driver's cover to include voluntary driving of this nature without a premium increase.

People using the service pay a fixed price per mile, but it costs a lot less than paying for a taxi. In addition, there is no administration charge to be paid by passengers, as levied by some charities providing volunteer community drivers.

So, if you have some time available and a desire to help others in Starston, please contact Ann Leitch (07747 758308) in the first instance, who can provide further information.

**Thinking of Volunteering? - You can make a difference!**

For a number of years Starston was part of the Pulham Car Scheme. It did exactly what is proposed in the new plan. It was unfortunate that it was not used enough to make it a viable proposition. I used to drive for the project. A few Starston people did take up the offer and I think were pleased with the service. I hope this new venture succeeds, it would be a real asset, but it will only do so if people use it- so please do!

*Sue M*




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## **Harleston U3A News**

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In addition to offering the opportunity to join any (or all) of the current interest groups, U3A members also receive the national magazine, "Third Ages Matters" four times a year. The magazine included a list of fifty subject advisors who can help anyone starting a new group and who will advise on problems in existing groups. Recently Stella Brownsea of our newly formed "Singing For Fun" was effusive in her praise of the help given by the advisor for "Music – Singing and Playing". The publication opens a window onto the activities of other U3As nationwide. Travel opportunities seem to be on the increase at home and abroad. A sample of destinations covered in the Autumn 2014 edition includes: the Sheffield Croquet group's visit to Corfu, The Ems Valley Wine Appreciation group's trip to Burgundy and Dorking U3A's Spanish intermediate conversation group's holiday in Northern Spain spent with UNATE which is the Spanish equivalent of U3A. What could enhance the U3A experience here in Harleston? Interest has been expressed in starting a group for basic Spanish (leader needed) and in having an "Events" organiser for trips to places of interest. Visit our website at [u3asites.org.uk/harleston](http://u3asites.org.uk/harleston) or contact either Judith on 01379 852123 or Kim on 01986 788149 for further information.

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## Notes from a Travelling Gardener

I am a sucker for botanic gardens and such like. Given a choice between visiting a winery and going to the Leaning Pine Arboretum at the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles, horticulture won out over viniculture. So it was that our friend Cynthia took us to the campus of her alma mater, where she'd studied accountancy.

This arboretum has a fine collection of pines, cedars and junipers but also features a range of "Mediterranean species" – the group of plants from southern Chile, southern California, parts of South Africa and the countries bordering the Mediterranean itself. These areas share the same sort of climate – hot dry summers and mild winters with moderate rainfall. For example Kos has an average rainfall of 28 inches, all of it falling in autumn and winter.

But southern California is currently in the throes of a severe drought. There has been only 6 inches of rain in the past twelve months and it shows in the plant collections. Many of the shrubs and other perennials were starting to look stressed. Even the rosemarys, thymes and oreganos in the herb garden were looking pretty sorry for themselves. The plants that were surviving best were the ones from the local flora, the manzanitas and buck wheats.

Even these plants haven't the sort of adaptations displayed by the ones in a "botanic garden" which I visited a few days later when we stayed at The Sierra Vista Motel in the tiny community of Congress, Arizona. The motel's owner,

Cindy, has planted the periphery of her property with species from the Mojave and Sonoran deserts, all able to withstand very high temperatures and very low rainfall. For instance the agaves have fleshy leaves which store water and in addition their waxy surfaces reflect the sun's rays, helping to keep the plant cool. In the prickly pear the leaves have been reduced to spines to reduce water loss.

All these adaptations are described in the information sheets, sourced from the Internet, which Cindy has displayed in front of many of the plants, as you can see in the picture of the fine agave known as the century plant. Between the plants she's placed large stones typical of the geology of the deserts – quartz and volcanic rocks. In the beds in front of the cabins are small cacti, pebbles and pieces of dead wood and, just for fun, some pots of silk flowers.

So within the space of a few days I saw two very different "botanic gardens". I know which one I preferred.

*Dee the Gardener*

### Topical Tip

Never tell a US immigration official that you are visiting his country to drive from San Francisco to Savannah. He won't be able to take the concept on board. Just say that you're doing a road trip.





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## County Council News

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People are being asked to comment on Norfolk County Council’s budget setting. To have your say please go to the council’s website at [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) or look for all details in the next Your Norfolk magazine.

Norfolk County Council’s parish partnership scheme for small highway projects is being repeated again this autumn (2014) with £200,000 of funding for highways-related projects to be carried out next year (2015/16).

Recently I attended the Norfolk Apprentice Graduation Ceremonies 2014, where about 100 apprentices received their qualifications and certificates and were recognised for their achievements. For residents and businesses to find out more about becoming or taking on an apprentice go to

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Norfolk’s new recycling regime started

on October 1<sup>st</sup>, we can now recycle so much more. Every household should have received a sticker that can be stuck in the lid of your green bin showing all items including glass, aluminium foils and trays, plastic food pots, food tubs and trays, envelopes, shredded paper and food and drink cartons. If anyone requires more information about your new recycling service and for a full list of recyclables please contact us on [www.south-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk) or phone 0800 168 3333

Finally look out for the new toilet block being installed on the Bugdens Car Park during November. I’m sure we all welcome these new facilities for Harleston.

My next surgery will be at HIP in Harleston on 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am

Contact me: [matin.wilby@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:matin.wilby@norfolk.gov.uk) or on 01379 741504 anytime.

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## Diamond Day

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### **Congratulations.....**

to Betty & Ian McKenzie who celebrated their Diamond Wedding [60 years] on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Betty & Ian, their family & the congregation celebrated with a very appetising buffet & cake following the Harvest Festival service on 5<sup>th</sup> October. The service had begun with a very special firing of the bells, courtesy of our accomplished bell ringing team.

### **Thank You Starston**

We would like to thank all of you who joined in the celebration of our Diamond Wedding at and after the Harvest Festival Service at St Margaret's Starston. The lovely surprise of having the Bells "fired" 60 times and every body joining us afterwards for a glass of wine and nibbles and Ruth's magnificent cake. We have experienced so much love in this village we came to all those years ago.

Betty and Ian



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## *In Biblical Proportions*

“**The amount was in Biblical proportions**”, is a phrase we sometimes hear. It relates to a vast number of things and comes from the chapters of the Bible where it talks about 1,000s of people or animals. Abraham was told his descendants would number as the sand of the sea. Any churches suggest passages from the Bible to be read each day and in the Anglican church the recent daily readings have been about Solomon building the temple in Jerusalem, the 1,000s of people working on it and the vast number of trees used for the pillars; the amounts of gold applied to the walls and fittings at today’s value would have had even George Osborne amazed.

But Biblical proportions are not just about numbers of “things” but also about feelings, emotions, generosity, devotion and commitment. The Bible is full of “abundance” being offered to us.

God has never short changed His people or given them less than their needs. Sometimes that provision was physical such as the bread-like Manna when the Israelites were in the wilderness or the occasion when there were twelve baskets of food left over from the feeding of the five thousand. At other times it was spiritual such as when Paul said that God was able to do far more than we could ask or think. When we come to the end of our resources the Holy Spirit takes up our case and pleads on our behalf before God. When we run out of steam the Holy Spirit comes alongside us and carries us - another part of God’s abundant provision.

Then there is forgiveness which is an area God excels in. The Psalmist said that “*the Lord is ready to forgive and is abundant in lovingkindness*”. He goes on to say that God’s thoughts towards us are vast and too high and wonderful to understand. In the popular Psalm 23 we read with delight that his cup is not half empty or even half full but running over.

The biblical proportions are not only on God’s side but ours too. Jesus encouraged His disciples to “*go the extra mile*”, “*give them your coat as well*”, and then when giving, press and shake it down so you give a full measure. In the Oak Furniture Land advert at the moment we see two people who take pride in what they do. Paul encouraged the Colossian Christians to work heartily, as unto the Lord and Jesus reminded the people *to love the Lord your God with all your heart*.

What motivates you in what you do? What is the one thing that gets you working really hard and giving your all? Next time you hear the term “*Biblical proportions*” remember that it not only relates to vast numbers of things but also to the amazing sights, sounds and aromas around you which are just a tiny part of God’s overflowing and measureless gifts and love for **YOU**.

*John*



## *The Waveney Valley Railway*

Newcomers to Starston are sometimes surprised to find a road named “Railway Hill” in a small rural community. “What railway?” they may well ask. Well, today there is no railway but there was once and for a brief period Starston had its own station.

The Waveney Valley Line was a branch line running from Tivetshall in Norfolk to Beccles in Suffolk. It provided services to Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Ipswich and many other smaller towns in Suffolk with additional services to London.

The line was authorised by the Waveney Valley Railway Act in July 1851. The line opened in stages, firstly from Tivetshall to Harleston in December 1855, then to Bungay in November 1860, and finally to Beccles. When the line was completed it was incorporated into the Great Eastern Railway.

Along the route there were stations at Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, Starston, Harleston, Redenhall, Homersfield, Earsham, Bungay, Ditchingham, Ellingham, Geldeston and Beccles. Many of the villages along the track of the railway still have a “Station Road”, apart from Starston with its “Railway Hill”.

The line ran regular passenger and freight services daily, except for Sundays. This was a condition placed on the railway by landowners in the Starston area who had to give their consent before the line could be built. However, Starston and Redenhall stations were closed in 1866,

only 11 years after the line opened.

During World War 1 troop trains ran each day with a peak of 8 trains per day in October 1915. During World War 2 there was a large increase in traffic, this was due to the airfields and military establishments built along the line. Bombs were stored on a bomb dump near Earsham Hall until, after the war, the unused bombs were taken away and disposed of – this continued until 1954.

The Waveney line was closed to passenger services in January 1953. From 1960 the line was split into sections – Tivetshall to Harleston and Beccles to Bungay but even these lines were finally closed in April 1966 during the ‘Beeching Axe’ and the track was eventually removed. Some of the last wagon loads to leave Ditchingham were sand and gravel from Broome Heath, used in the construction of Hammersmith fly-over in west London.

In the early 1980s, many of the remaining old buildings, including stations and goods yards, were demolished to make way for a new road (the A143). However, in Starston the station building remains and today is a private house.

The picture of Starston Station in 1954 is used by kind permission of the Middleton Press. ([www.middletonpress.co.uk](http://www.middletonpress.co.uk)) Further information can be obtained from their book *Tivetshall to Beccles*, part of the Country Railway Routes series.



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## *In Starston*

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Starston Station in 1954



And 60 years on




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## ***Harleston and District Wives Group***

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At 16<sup>th</sup> September meeting, speaker Roger Walsh's presentation on the subject of his voluntary work in Gambia proved to be informative and highly entertaining, but also deeply moving. This desperately poor, smallest of African counties needs advice and support in improving education, health and in managing the environment to promote sustainable farming. Roger's work with birdlife vividly demonstrated the link between conservation of precious habitats and long-term benefits for the people through wise development of land. Roger showed the everyday life of the Kartong villagers and expressed his admiration for a former Norfolk teacher

living there and "working miracles" with very limited funds. Following the talk, the audience held a spontaneous collection realising what a difference a few extra pounds could make to disadvantaged fellow human beings. Possibly the most abiding memory of an inspired talk is of a team of beaming young boys dressed in donated football strips! If anyone reading this can spare reasonable quality kit, it would give enormous pleasure to these sports mad lads and obviously any cash donations will be welcomed and wisely spent during the next Gambia trip. The charity is one of several supported by Harleston Primary School.

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## ***Pennoyer Centre Diary Dates***

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4th November	<b>Cash Prize Bingo</b>	6:30 for 7pm
7th November	<b>Evening Inn</b>	6:30– 11:30pm
8th Novemeber	<b>Craft Fair</b>	10:30-3:30pm
10th November	<b>Pennoyer's Lunch Club</b>	12:30
14th November	<b>Film Night—<i>Belle</i></b>	7:15 for 8pm
18th November	<b>Buskers Night</b>	7pm
19th November	<b>Pudding Guild</b>	7pm
21st November	<b>Quiz Night</b>	7 for 7:30pm
Every Monday	<b>Oddballs Knitting Club</b>	1:00-3:00pm



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## French Evening

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*Jubilee Hall, Saturday 15th November*

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*Pain a l'ail (garlic bread) et pate*

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*Tarte aux pommes de Normandie (Normandy apple tart)*

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*To add to the atmosphere, French theme dress requested but not compulsory – a prize will be awarded for the best outfit, male or female.*

*To book your place contact: Bryan or Joy Hanner, John Formston or Debbie Griffin*

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## Update on The Crown

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With 31 public houses closing every week in the UK we are delighted to announce the re-opening of one of Norfolk's favourite drinking and eating establishments. The historic Crown Inn Public House at Pulham Market. A favourite with many over the Century's, Jon and Amy the new owners have revamped the place (although it has lost none of its olde world charm) and have extended the restaurant area to serve the best of local food, 7 days a week.

Richard Bacon MP performed the official opening of the pub on Friday 10th October.



## **Glebe Meadow**

Glebe Meadow has been used increasingly by villagers this last year, and by others from Harleston in particular, enjoying the paths through the grass on a walking route. It is very pleasing to see how well the meadow is used for quiet strolls, picnics and pooh sticks in the Beck. And also for public events such as the Dog Show and Teddy Bears Picnic plus private use for a classic car rally and a private wedding celebration.

The Management Group has continued to maintain the top end, paths and orchard area by weekly mowing, and this year we cut and baled the longer grass for hay using a local farmer/contractor. This is in accordance with our management plan to reduce the nutrient status of the meadow, to inhibit the competitive nature of the docks and nettles - which we have also controlled by spraying.

In January and February, volunteers once again helped to do clearance work on Glebe Meadow, the hedge and banks of the Beck, removing debris and clearing rubbish and weeds. During the winter, we protected the orchard trees with netting to deter deer nibbling, and will do the same this coming winter. One of the fruit trees was replaced and all 26 trees have been pruned and are looking healthy. How to manage the expected fruit harvest will be an issue for next year and beyond.

The bee hives were a long term aim for Glebe Meadow, and although we had only planned on one hive, a swarm of around 20,000 bees needed to be removed from a Starston hedge in April

and was duly collected and transferred to the meadow where it has since been residing happily. This we call Hive 1. Hive 2 was a planned purchase of a nucleus of bees comprising a new queen and about 5,000 bees. This started well but in the last couple of months it was noticed that the queen in residence was infertile and so only producing drones. We took specialist advice and have dismantled Hive 2, which we will start again next spring. .

We have just heard that we have been successful in obtaining grants from two organisations, South Norfolk Council (Member's Ward Budget) and the East of England Co-op, which will help us make further progress in terms of re-establishing a second hive next year, provide bee suits for other adults and children to encourage wider participation from Starston, and equipping us with the necessary kit to enable honey production from 2015. This should now be possible without impacting further on Jubilee Hall funds.

We would love to have wider involvement from others both in terms of helping with meadow mowing, other jobs as and when, and with the bees. Glebe Meadow is a lovely facility for Starston people and the Management Group and Bee Group would welcome more people becoming actively involved by 'spreading the load' in helping with the meadow or the bees, or any other activity on Glebe Meadow.

*Peter Grimble*  
**Glebe Meadow Management Group**



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## **Sewing Group**

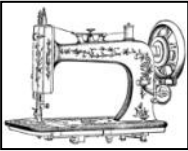
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This is a new group that will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month.

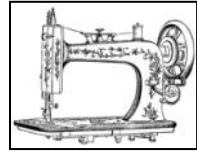
A friendly informal group for all abilities.

The cost will be £5.00 per session,  
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## **Starston Sewing Circle**

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Seeing that a new sewing group is being formed in Starston brought back memories [funny how life repeats itself]. Many moons ago, before we had a Jubilee Hall and so -on-and-so-forth the Starston Sewing Circle was formed. I think it must have been in the 1970/80's because I seem to remember going along with some very small children in tow. I believe it was one of the many projects afoot at the time to raise money to buy the old cow shed, which in time became the Jubilee Hall, but I could be mistaken.

Meetings were held at Thurlings, courtesy of Anne Lunn who was the driving force behind the project if my memory serves me correctly. Many things were going on at this time, Sewing Circle, Bazaars, Annual Gymkhanas, Starston Festival of Arts and Crafts- it kept us all out of mischief! As well as producing many items for sale at the Bazaar, I still have a crochet knee rug, made by Miss Ward, a beautiful quilt was made and raffled off. And if you attend Starston Church, you may have noticed the blue hassocks; these were all made by the ladies of the Circle too [in fact that may have been the origin of the group, if not the impending hall purchase].

As you will have noticed, my memory of the Sewing Circle is a bit cloudy; maybe you can fill in the gaps, you may even have been a member. If so, please get in touch.

Linda & ladies, good luck with your new group, I hope you have fun.

*Sue Moore*



## Family Carers in Harleston

Every day 6,000 people take on a new caring role in the UK. Up and down the UK there are 6.5 million unpaid carers for family members and friends. These people are called 'carers' but would probably say 'I am just a husband, wife, a mum, a dad, a son, a daughter, a friend or good neighbour'.

When people need help with their day-to-day lives they often turn to family and friends. They may need help with anything or everything, from personal hygiene and domestic help, to money management.

Most people will be carers at some point in their lives, and sometimes they need a little support themselves. A group of family carers in Harleston, helped by Harleston Information Plus, is offering support to carers by holding free bi-monthly meetings that:

- Give access to information and the right support from the beginning, and as needed, by working with professionals that understand the role of carers. (These professionals will attend the group's meetings in Harleston.)
- Providing a time and space where carers can talk informally to
- others in a similar situation, share ideas and experiences.

The group wants carers to get the information and support they need but, as carers themselves, understand that sometimes it is good to have a few minutes of 'me time' so intend to also have a programme of interesting

activities and entertaining speakers.

Don't like to leave the person you care for? You could be eligible for 30 free hours of professional sitter time each year under the Norfolk County Council funded Short Breaks at Short Notice scheme. For further information call the Norfolk based Carers Helpline: 0808 8089876

The group's next meeting is at The Workhouse, the new cookery/craft school at 5 Old Market Place Harleston, in January. Booking is essential either via the Workhouse website [the-workhouse.co.uk](http://the-workhouse.co.uk), by calling Harleston Information Plus on 01379 851920 or visiting the information centre, 8 Exchange Street, Harleston.

*Bill Holland Chair of Harleston Carers Support Group*

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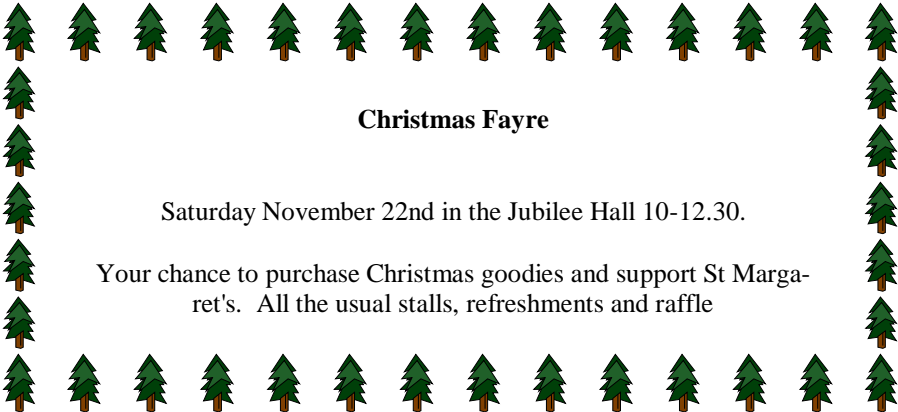
Containing some of Shakespeare's most famous lines and most dramatic scenes, Julius Caesar remains as relevant in the opening years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it has ever been.

13 Nov Seagull Theatre, 14 Nov Garboldisham Village Hall, 15 Nov Fisher Theatre, 20 Nov Diss Corn Hall, 22 Nov New Cut Arts, 28 Nov Laxfield Village Hall, 29 Nov St Edmund's Hall Hoxne.



All performances start 7.30pm. Tickets £9/£7

Reservations through theatre box offices or tel 01379 586745



### Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 22nd in the Jubilee Hall 10-12.30.

Your chance to purchase Christmas goodies and support St Margaret's. All the usual stalls, refreshments and raffle



## This and That

In desperation we recently bought an alarmingly called 'pill gun' from the pet shop in the hope of avoiding collecting little pink pills from the back kitchen floor as we tried to pop them down our cat's throat. Sadly, it was not a success. We followed the instructions: 'Load the syringe with a small amount of water (to help your pet swallow) and place the pill



in its claws', but the cat just refused to hold onto the pill in its claws. Were we doing something wrong?

*Rosemary Steer*

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### Bell Ringing

I have received an enquiry from a Starston resident regarding availability of the church bells for a special occasion. I can normally have ringers available to ring for residents special days i.e. birthdays, wedding anniversaries etc. providing details are available well in advance of the celebration.

For details of any costs, just let me have your request.

The bells are "fired" the number of years involved if requested.

I look forward to your requests, contact 853967

Herbert Websdel  
Tower Keeper

Note Visitors to ringing chamber are always welcome "follow you ears"

### Harvest Festival

Sunday Oct. 5th a large congregation enjoyed a typical "Starston" Harvest service, thanks to the ministry team. The service was led by Rev. James Roskelly who thanked all concerned with decorating the church so beautifully, e specially the font.

Coupled with the service was a tribute and celebration of Betty & Ian McKenzie's Diamond wedding anniversary. Fifty of the congregation attended the luscious harvest supper in the Coach House, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Julian Taylor.

A raffle with many prizes and a fun quiz followed supper.

A big thank you to the Taylor family for all their hard work in providing a wonderful venue and organising this event.

If you did not attend service or supper, don't miss out next year, it's such a remarkable gathering.





## WWI Commemoration - An Appeal

Sometime next spring – possibly in May – Starston is planning a performance in St. Margaret’s Church to commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The project is in the early stages of planning but will include readings, songs, music and visual displays. The script will take Starston as its focus – the effect of the war on a small community such as ours – but will expand beyond that to illustrate the wider effects on those at home as well as those at the front.

This appeal is for any material from that time – photos, letters, diaries, medals, stories that have come down through your family, not just Starston families, but the relatives of anyone living in Starston today. If you have anything that could form part of this project then please share them with us so they can be incorporated into the script.

Please contact Michael Bartlett on 01379 852318 with any material or suggestions that you may have. Thank you.

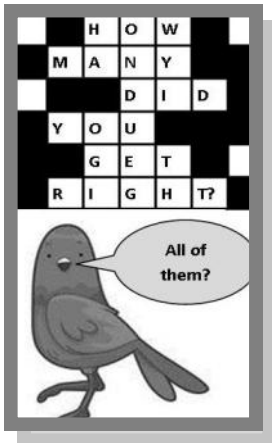
## Answers to the October (Halloween) Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1/21. Eye of newt toe of frog
6. Iris
7. Sham
9. Owl
10. BMI
11. Halloween
14. Rune
17. Mare
19. Pooka

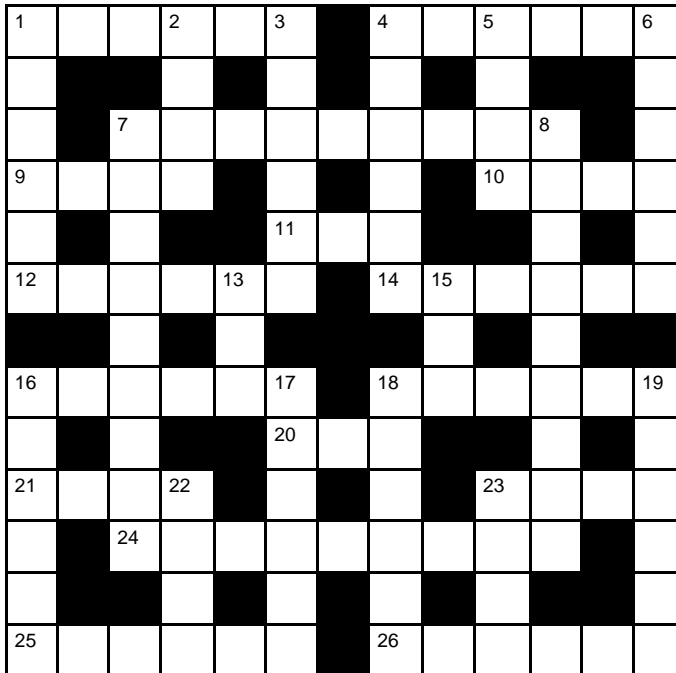
### DOWN

1. Evil
2. Epical
3. Exhume
4. Tomb
5. Sorcery
8. Witches
12. Axe
13. Elm
15. Nest
16. Wolf
18. Agog
19. Poe
20. Air





## *November Crossword by Puffin*



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Digestive juices in action (6)
4. An alloy (6)
7. Is this a sleepy bovine? (9)
9. A thug has a call outside (4)
10. Precipitation (4)
11. Assistance, help (3)
12. Bank employee relates a story (6)
14. Seasonal leap (6)
16. Painful sore heats water (6)
18. A Jack Russell perhaps (6)
20. An eastern ruler does some cooking (3)
21. Deciduous fir left outside (4)
23. Grizzle (4)
24. Gremlin linked with foul fiend (9)
25. Stopped (6)
26. Aircraft movement (6)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Small round shot (6)
2. Dubious trader of tickets (4)
3. Neckband (6)
4. Norfolk wetlands (6)
5. Six balls in cricket (4)
6. Ova and spirit make a drink (6)
7. Beautifully chested flyer (9)
8. Gamma, ultra violet or micro (9)
13. Female sheep (3)
15. Climbing legume (3)
16. An off-shoot (6)
17. Touselled (6)
18. Harvey was a white one (6)
19. Little Edward had a tirade (6)
22. Consecrated bread (4)
23. Flirtatious girl (4)



## ***Benefice Services in November***

	<b>2nd All Saints</b>	<b>9th Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>16th 2 before Advent</b>	<b>23rd Christ the King</b>	<b>30th Advent 1</b>
<b>Dickle- burgh</b>	9.30am PC	11.00am Remembrance Service	9.30am BCP Communion 10.00am CC	9.30am PC	
<b>Pulham Market</b>	9.30am HC 6.30pm Celebration	8.00am HC 10.45am Remembrance Service in Memorial Hall	9.30am HC	9.30am SW	10.00am Benefice Service
<b>Pulham St Mary</b>	8.00am BCP Communion 9.30am Messy Church	10.45am Remembrance Service	9.30am BCP Matins	9.30am HC	
<b>Rushall</b>	11.00am BCP Matins	3.00pm Remembrance Service	11.00am SW	11.00am SW	
<b>Starston</b>	11.00am BCP Communion	10.55am Remembrance Service	11.00am Patronal Service	11.00am SW	
<b>Thelveton</b>	11.00am HC	3.00pm Remembrance Service	With Dickleburgh	11.00am SW	

### **Key To Services**

**HC:** Holy Communion

**PC:** Parish Communion

**SW:** Sunday Worship

**BCP:** Book of Common Prayer

**CC:** Café Church



**Web Site for Information on all Services:** <http://www.thebenefice.org.uk/>




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