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Village Diary

Good Friday 7th April *2pm*

Meditation at St Margaret's Church

Saturday 8th April *3pm to 4.30pm*

SYC Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Crafts. Jubilee Hall

Easter Sunday 9th April *11am*

Easter Service at St Margaret's Church

Sunday 16th April *See page 12*

St Margaret's Church Annual Meetings

Sunday 7th May *1pm See page 23*

King's Coronation Lunch Party on the Glebe Meadow

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Venue: Swan Hotel, Carvery.

Date: Friday 7th April 7.30pm.

Tickets: Free. (But donations welcome, to cover the cost of putting on these readings)

No need to book. Grab a drink from the Bar and make yourself comfortable in the Carvery for a 7.30pm start.

Eileen Ryan

Harleston's Future

Further info from anoldryan@gmail.com

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At a recent Pigeon Post meeting we discussed how we might get more general interest articles into the magazine. One suggestion was to run a series of short pieces focusing on some of the creative people who live and work in Starston.

This series could include people such as Artists, Musicians, Writers, Actors, Photographers, Poets, Potters, Singers, Sign Writers, Blacksmiths, Carpenters and Joiners, Textile Artists, Spinners and Weavers, Knitters and Stitchers, Quilters, Chocolatiers and probably more.

To make it easier for people to write something, and to provide cohesion to the series, we have prepared a simple questionnaire which gives a suggested basic structure. If you want to write something for this series you can either respond directly to these questions or use them as a guide to write a straight article. Alternatively you can answer the questions and leave one of us to turn it into an article for you. The choice is yours.

These are our suggested headings:

- What is your expertise/art form/activity?
- Why do you do it?
- How did you get started?
- How did you develop your skill?
- What do you enjoy most about what you do?
- Who influences your art/craft?
- Does living in Starston make a contribution to what you do?
- If so, how?
- Anything else you would like to say.

We may need to edit your article a little to make the article fit the magazine. The usual limit for one page of Pigeon Post is 450-500 words, though there may be times when we can exceed that limit, especially if you have any pictures relevant to what you do which we will try and include.

Initially we will focus on people who sell their work or skill but we may move on to interesting hobbies at a later date. Sue Moore has asked Michael Bartlett – himself a writer – to manage this series. Michael is happy to discuss your proposed article with you and help if necessary. You can contact him on 01379 852318 or mike@jack-ilott.co.uk

Finished articles should be sent to Michael and also to Sue at pigeonpost19@gmail.com

Please help us celebrate the creativity of people in Starston.



Spring Has Sprung

The flowering of the spring bulbs signifies the end of the cold, dark days of winter and what an uplifting announcement spring flowers make, that winter is over and spring has sprung.

A great way for me to appreciate the spring flowers is when I walk my dogs and one of the first signs of spring is the nodding white heads of the snow drops, sometimes interspersed with aconites, and they have been spectacular this year.

A splendid show of snowdrops have pushed up through the dead crumpled leaves in the Rectory wood.

I love daffodils! They are the cheeriest of flowers and bring so much joy. The daffodil symbolises rebirth and new beginnings.

If you want a day out it was reported in the EDP you can find



tens of thousands of daffodils lighting up the National Trust gardens and parkland at Blickling

Hall, near Aylsham and Felbrigg Hall. The daffodil displays around Starston are pretty dazzling too. Finally I want to thank Justine Astor and Elteb Griffin for sharing the pictures of their gardens, as they are always popular. I thought I would end with the poem 'I wandered Lonely as a Cloud' by William Wordsworth (1802).



*I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine and twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line along the margin of a bay:*

*Ten thousand saw I at a glance, tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they out-did the sparkling waves in glee
A poet could not but be gay, in such a jocund company
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought what wealth the show to me had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie in vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils.*



Debbie Griffin



County Council Report

Thank you for the many kind messages of support that have been sent to me over the past weeks following my operation. This helped me greatly and I am on the road to recovery. New road safety schemes are to be introduced in almost 100 towns and villages across Norfolk. The projects, including traffic calming measures, vehicle-activated signs, extra signage, bus shelters and new footpaths, form part of Norfolk County Council's parish partnership initiative. First launched in September 2011, it invites communities to bid for cash to make much-needed improvements to slow down traffic and make our towns and villages safer. A total of £770,000 is to be spent on 95 schemes, with County Hall putting in just under £345,000 and the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership £40,556. The rest of the money comes via match funding from town and parish councils. Locally schemes are planned for Pulham Market, Starston, Tivetshall and Redenhall with Harleston.

NCC plans to join forces with Saffron Housing to build houses in Harleston, for people wanting to live independently but with extra support. This will see the creation of an independent living scheme of 91 new flats (16 two-bed and 75 one-bed flats) on land east of Mendham Lane. The County Council will put just over £4m into the scheme. The Harleston scheme would be fourth in Norfolk, following Fakenham, Acle and Stalham. Construction should start in June 2024. Properties can be owned or rented and are available to those who pay for their own care and those funded by the council. A multi-million-pound boost means Norwich is to get 55 more electric buses – making it one of the first cities in the country with a depot running an all-electric fleet. An £11.5m investment will see First Buses getting new double-decker electric buses, in addition to the 15 single-deckers which had previously secured funding. The money from the government's Zero Emission Buses Regional Area (ZEBRA) scheme means the depot at Roundtree Way will be one of the first outside London to go fully electric from March next year.

A crackdown on abuse of blue badges for disabled people has seen 10 people taken to court and dozens of warnings for misuse. NCC's determination bucked the national trend, where more than 100 councils failed to take any legal action. County Hall employs an enforcement officer who goes undercover on patrols, which lead to 10 people being taken to court for misuse of badges. In addition, 24 warnings were issued and 28 badges were seized with 19 of them subsequently destroyed. Across Norfolk, 35,000 valid badges are held, entitling the holder to park on single or double yellow lines for up to three hours in vehicles they drive or travel in.

Looking forward to the many King's Coronation events to be held over the weekend 6th to 8th May 2023. There is funding available from South Norfolk Council to support town and parish councils, all details on their website. Hoping for good weather.

Best Wishes
Martin



Benefice Letter

Good morning, afternoon, evening or whenever you begin to read this article. It comes with love and God's blessing, please accept these wishes no matter what your beliefs are, you know the meaning of love and blessing. It is Maundy Thursday on the 6th of April the Thursday before Easter and this special service will take place in our benefice at All Saints Dickleburgh at 7pm. We would love to see you there but if you cannot, then know that it is taking place and feel our love and God's love surrounding you.

Did you know that the word 'Maundy' comes from the word 'Mandate' meaning a command,? 'Maundy Thursday' service is not simply a quaint historic custom. It is more than that, when we acknowledge and remember the instruction given by Jesus Christ at the 'Last supper' when he said to his disciples "And now I give you a new commandment. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another"

I have seen love in action. A gesture of help offers of comfort, a helping hand, guidance and support from friends and strangers alike it makes my heart zing for joy. I also know of the despair, grief, fear, loneliness and stress in the world too. If we could all renew our commitment to Christ's Commandment 'To love one another', to stretch out our hand of friendship and make this an integral part of our lives as Christians or indeed even if we have different beliefs, what a difference for the good could we make in people's lives.

With my love and God's blessing

Norman

Traditional Irish Blessing

May God give you... For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.



St Margaret's

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, STARSTON – NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, 16th April 2023 following the service which is held at 11.00 a.m. This is to nominate and elect the churchwardens. Currently the churchwardens are Julian L. Taylor and John C. Formston.

It will be followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. This meeting deals with the election of officers and parochial church council members. The church belongs to the village and it is an opportunity to find out what has happened during 2022, and to discuss future ideas and proposals for the church.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place every year and should be completed 15 days before the APCM. If you wish for your name to be included, or removed from this Roll or need any further information please contact Ruth Cawcutt PCC Secretary, email rcawcutt1@btinternet.com or telephone 852087.

Some Quotations

No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next.
Edgar Watson Howe

The important thing when you are going to do something brave is to have someone on hand to witness it.
Michael Howard

The hardest task in a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious.
Helen Rowland

After an incident in Croydon involving a prison van and a concrete mixer, police are looking for eighteen hardened criminals.
The Two Ronnies BBC TV

A kleptomaniac is a person who helps himself because he can't help himself.
Anon

Asking a working writer what he feels about critics is like asking a lamp post what it feels about dogs.
John Osborne

Critics search for ages for the wrong word which, to give them credit, they eventually find.
Peter Ustinov, On Critics

Democracy means government by discussion but it is only effective if you can stop people talking.
Clement Attlee



What's on at Harleston Library

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We are proud to announce the launch of our new 'What's on' leaflet that lists all our regular groups and activities as well as lots of other useful information about our library. Copies are free and are available to pick up at any time during opening hours.

Easter Drop-In Activity

On **Wednesday 5th April** we will be having a drop-in session from 2.30pm-4.30pm, there will be Easter crafts and activities.

Coronation Celebrations

With the help of our adult and child art groups and other organisations within the town we will be producing colourful banners to be displayed throughout the build-up to the coronation. These banners will be displayed in the library and will reflect the feeling of community and a 'United' Kingdom.

Throughout April we will be running a fun competition quiz. It will be free to enter and quiz sheets can be collected from the library. There will be a special prize for one lucky winner.

We will also be holding a '**Coronation Cuppa session**' on **Friday 5th May from 2.00pm onwards** so pop in for a chat and some refreshment. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Thursday 8am-7pm (Open Libraries all day)
Friday 8am-7pm (Staffed 11.30am-7pm)

The library will be closed on Good Friday (7th April), Easter Day (9th April) & Easter Monday (10th April)



The Rectory Outbuildings

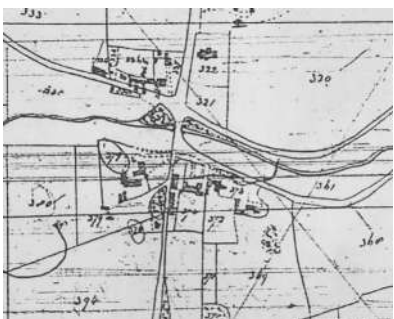
In 1845, the Revd. Augustus Macdonald Hopper was instituted as Rector of Starston. He preached his first sermon in St Margaret's on 15 December 1845, and took possession of the rectory house the following day. At that time, beneficed clergy were not paid a stipend (salary) but received their income from the glebe land and tithes of the parish (as well as other payments such as Easter offerings), known as the 'living'. They also held the freehold to the rectory or vicarage house, but only for the time they were the incumbent, after which both the living and the freehold to the parsonage passed to their successor. Many clergy, such as Augustus Hopper, also had private means, so they were able to refurbish and extend both church and parsonage at their own expense.

When the Revd Augustus Hopper came to Starston, his immediate neighbour, living in a house situated between the rectory and Railway Hill (as it is known now), was the Revd. John Oldershaw, Archdeacon of Norfolk and Rector of Redenhall with Harleston. After Mr Oldershaw died in 1847, his house and lands next to the rectory were purchased by Ann Holmes, widow of the Revd. John Holmes, of Gawdy Hall.

Little is known about this house, as shortly after Oldershaw's death, it was demolished, and no trace of it now survives, though it probably dates back at least to the 18th century, possibly much earlier. The lithograph print of Starston bridge dated 1830 shows a single large house, which may be Oldershaw's property; depending on which side of the bridge the sketch was made - it could be a view looking towards the Street!



Between 1849 and 1856, the Starston Rector, the Revd Augustus Hopper, through glebe exchanges and property purchases, acquired both the site of Oldershaw's house and its various outbuildings from Mrs Holmes, who by this time was his mother-in-law! In 1856, in return for a piece of Glebe by the new railway, Ann Holmes conveyed to Hopper part of Archdeacon Oldershaw's lands of the same acreage, including the stables and coach houses on the boundary with the Starston to Needham highway, now Railway Hill. Hopper was delighted by these transactions as it meant that the Archdeacon's gardens and yards were absorbed into the rectory grounds, with the fence between the two being pulled down. Hopper recorded in the Rector's memorandum book, that he then pulled

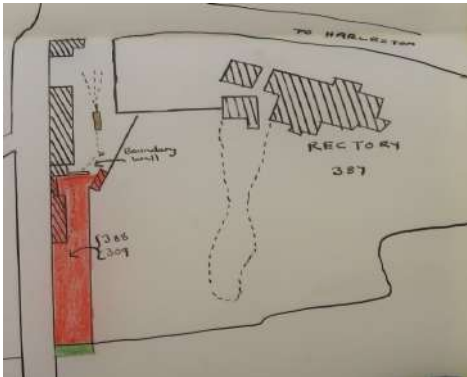


down the rectory stables and outbuildings that were to the east of the rectory flower garden and were 'a great eye-sore & annoyance to the House as well as being dilapidated'. He then replaced the Archdeacon's stables and coach house on Railway Hill with new ones. To complete the transaction, the Starston Rector paid Mrs Holmes £80 for the laundry and brewhouse which were formerly Mr Oldershaw's. The 1838 tithe map shows the layout of both the Archdeacon's and the Rectory premises before the demolition of either the Archdeacon's house or any of the outbuildings.



The Rectory Outbuildings

In 1954, Reginald Laughton purchased a 'Glebe Cottage' from the then Rector and the same year applied for planning permission to convert a 'disused laundry' on Railway Hill into a dwelling house; both documents relate to the property now known as Rectory Cottage. When I interviewed Reginald's widow, Win Laughton, in the late 1990s, she described the property as formerly the coachman's cottage belonging to the Rectory, of stud and plaster construction. It seems likely though that this was the laundry purchased by the Rector from Mrs Holmes around 1850, though it may later have been used as a rudimentary coachman's cottage. It was in a very poor state when the Laughtons purchased it, with no running water, inside toilet or electric light. The floors had to be dug out and levelled.



Win and her husband built a bungalow in the grounds of Rectory Cottage - Orchard Cottage - planning to move into it when they retired. Sadly, however, Reginald Laughton died in August 1982, before this dream could be realised. It is not known when the ownership of the two properties was separated. No further information about the brewhouse which the rector purchased from Mrs Holmes in the mid- nineteenth century has been located, though it is possible that the laundry and the brewhouse were one and the same building.

The Rector had replaced the Archdeacon's coach house (and stables) with his own, so this is presumably the building which was subject to a planning application in 1977 for conversion into a two-storey dwelling house, now known as the Old Coach House. Apparently prior to the conversion of the coach house, Win and Reginald used to keep their car in it, which in 1962 brought them into conflict with the newly-appointed Rector, the Revd. Walter Evans. He took issue with Mr Laughton over his using the gate in the wall at the north of Rectory Cottage as a right of way 'for himself, visitors and all tradespeople', across the rectory grounds and presumably out to the road, whereas their deeds only allowed them to use this gate to access their septic tank or any garage or shed let to them by the Rector. But if the Laughtons had previously been permitted to use the coach house as a garage, presumably they felt this access was acceptable.

The planning applications mentioned in this article are available through South Norfolk Council and the lithograph was published in *Picturesque views of all the bridges belonging to the county of Norfolk*, by Francis Stone, 1830. All the other documents are from the Starston parish records at Norfolk Record Office. My thanks to Patricia Hepple for providing me with a list of the planning applications. There are other documents in the parish records which may shed further light on the history of Rectory Cottage and the Old Coach House, but if anyone wants further information from the sources cited, please do get in touch. Next month, I will explore the history of the Jubilee Hall, the last-built of the surviving former Rectory outbuildings.

Rosemary Steer 01379 854245



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Dear Starston residents,

Plans are coming together for the lunch party to be held on the Glebe Meadow on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the King's Coronation. Further details can be found on page 23.

It will be a free event, apart from a cash bar, and we are pleased to have been awarded a £200 grant from South Norfolk Council to go towards funding this historic event. Both the Parish Council and Jubilee Hall will be contributing £250.

May 2023 sees the four-yearly elections to the Parish Council, which fulfils such a vital role in influencing many issues that affect the community. We presently have a full quorum, but if you would like to consider standing in the election on Thursday 4th May, do please get in touch with me or the current chairman, Philip Astor.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, followed by a normal Parish Council meeting, will take place on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. If you would like to attend the meeting, or you would like any matters raised in the public forum, do please contact me in advance.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd May in the Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend from 7pm, when refreshments will be served. It is a sociable evening, when the many and various groups in the village present brief reports on their activities. It is also an opportunity for newer residents to meet other members of the community, as well as Parish Councilors (not to mention the Parish Clerk), and representatives of other village bodies. We very much hope you will be able to join us.

Libby Alexander
Clerk to Starston Parish Council

The Pigeon Post hopes to bring you news of the Parish Council Elections next month. Traditionally we allocate space so that any individual standing for election can introduce themselves to the electorate. So if you plan to stand for election please write 50-100 words to tell us a little about yourself.

You can look at pages 14-15 of the May 2019 edition in the Pigeon Post Archive on the website to see how it was done last time around.

Please get your information to me in good time, and definitely before the copy date of 12th April.

Sue Moore, Co-ordinating



February Speedwatch

Despite fog and illness we have managed a few sessions during February.
329 vehicles checked, 43 over speed limit 20 and 30 mph checked.

I have been Coordinator for Starston Speedwatch for longer than I intended. Now I feel the team needs a new Coordinator. I wish to remain a member of the team.

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Burns Supper

Robert (Rabbie) Burns is seen in Scotland as equivalent to Shakespeare, though his writing was very different. This celebrity status has given rise to “Burns Suppers” world-wide. He was born to an Ayrshire farming family, 26th January 1759 during the Jacobite unrest; a time of significant anti-English feeling particularly amongst Catholics and in the Highlands. Unsurprisingly much of Burns’ work has a political slant and celebrates ‘Scottish-ness’. He also wrote love songs, probably to his many ‘fancies’. Some of his poems have been set to music by musicians, such as The Corries in the 1970’s. Burns, living near Dumfries, working as an ‘excise man’ led a dissipated life, drinking heavily and conducting numerous extra-marital affairs. He had 12 legitimate children, with his wife Jean, and died on 21st July 1797 aged 37. His poetic output during this short life was prodigious and includes world famous songs such as ‘Auld Lang Syne’, ‘Annie Laurie’, ‘A Man’s a Man for ‘a That’, and his longest poem ‘Tam o’ Shanter’ – which was possibly biographical!

There’s no official Burns Night, but suppers are usually held around his birthday. Starston’s Supper was in no way compromised by being late. Norfolk has many farming families from Scottish roots. The names Alexander, Crawford, and Patterson, can be traced to a migration mainly from southwest Scotland. These hardy folks arrived when farming was in severe depression; with family labour and tough attitudes they prospered. Our event, over-booked even before it was advertised, was organised by Starston’s Tower Ringers under direction of Herbert and Julie Websdell (who have helped run 32 Burns Suppers to date). The bell ringers put on a wonderful evening. Burns Supper food is traditional, delicious ‘poor man’s food’ based around Haggis, with tatties (potatoes) and neeps (swede); this time augmented by Scotch Broth, and Cranachan with shortbread.



The Haggis entered with great ceremony, led by Starston’s resident piper, in Highland Dress, who also provided the ‘Address to the Haggis’ – a Burns poem praising the qualities of this delicacy. Wonderfully delivered in Dumfriesshire dialect (old Scots), which Burns used in his poetry and is still in use today. A nip of whisky was provided to toast the Haggis. Empty plates suggested the repast was enjoyed by all.

Starston’s own Allstars, provided an eclectic mix of music including a Reggae version of ‘Donald Where’s yer Troosers’ and a Euro Rock rendition of ‘Miles to Dundee’. Occasionally, morphing into their alter-ego The Ramshackle Band, particularly, during ‘Mull of Kintyre’ when joined by the piper, there appeared to be confusion over which key to play in!

A raffle, run by Robert and Linda Wood, and an auction of several bottles of Scotch, raised further funds. Great fun, great value; an event to be repeated, I’m sure. Herbert Websdell will celebrate his 90th birthday before this appears in print; he and Julie are to be congratulated, along with their team of Ringers, for producing such a wonderful event.

Guitar Man

Photo by Rosemary Steer



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Cookery Corner

My version of Tartiflette

Christina Greathead

This is a good and tasty dish to use up left over cheese bits and basic simple ingredients. I first had it for supper at The Old Granary music venue in Norfolk before a Rick Wakeman concert. I enjoyed Rick and also the Tartiflette so looked it up and made my own. But over time it has varied into something that is only reminiscent of the original recipe (which is drizzled with cream before cooking). Serve it with salad or broccoli (or other vegetables you like).

Ingredients (for 4 light lunches)

2 large onions chopped (about 180g)

4 large potatoes, any kind

4 small cloves garlic (or to taste)

Sprinkle of mixed herbs, fresh or dried

3 or 4 rashers of bacon, any kind (or omitted for meat free dish)

Freshly ground pepper, sea salt flakes

Oddments of left-over cheese, any kind including soft cheeses (though the flavour of blue cheese will be too strong) The traditional cheese is 'Reblochon' though you can also substitute with Gruyere, Port Salut or Raclette

Drizzle of oil

Method

Cut up the rashers of bacon into small bits and gently fry

Gently fry the chopped onion and garlic in a drizzle of oil and water so it is soft but not too dark

Peel and parboil the potatoes so they are soft enough to 'crush' (not mash)

Mix together the onion/garlic/potato mix into a roasting shallow dish. Drizzle with oil.

I sometimes use two dishes and spread the mix thinly so that there are plenty of 'crusty' bits once roasted.

Cut up cheese and sprinkle over with freshly ground pepper and a little salt if desired.

Oven at about 180 fan for 45 mins or until the tops are crisp and brown.

Harleston Choral Society

Harleston Choral Society, your friendly non-auditioning community choir, will be having a short break for Easter from 4-17 April. It's not too late to join us on 17th for our summer term, when we'll continue to rehearse Haydn's *Stabat Mater* and Mozart opera choruses for our Summer Concert on 1 July. We meet in the London Road Church, Harleston IP20 9BH, every Monday from 7.30 – 9.30 pm, under the direction of our Music Director Justin Bindley. Further information about this and all our activities, including future dates, are on our website: www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk or from our Chair Stella Brownsea at heidihouse@btinternet.com



THE KING'S CORONATION LUNCH PARTY



Sunday 7th May from 1pm
A celebration lunch for all to enjoy!



Starston village is hosting a lunch party on the Glebe Meadow to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

It is a 'Bring & Share' buffet (finger food only) and we invite all who come to kindly donate a plate of food to share – savoury or sweet dishes (eg quiche, sausage rolls, a loaf of sandwiches, cakes, cup cakes etc). All donations will be very much appreciated. Ruth Cawcutt will be coordinating the food, so please let her know in advance what you can bring.

If you would be willing to help out on the day, then please let Ruth know ... thank you!

Contact Ruth by email: rcawcutt1@btinternet.com or telephone: 01379 852087

NOTE: People with specific food allergies should be responsible for supplying their own food.



The village can look forward to coming together on the Glebe Meadow to celebrate King Charles's Coronation.

Tables and seating will be laid out under marquees, but do please bring your own rugs or tables & chairs if you would like to. A cash bar will be open from 12.30pm.

There will be games for all ages in the afternoon, including a fancy dress competition for the children – although I am assured that no one of any age will be turned away...

No occasion in the village now would be complete without a performance by our very own Starston Allstars, and sure enough they will be live on stage at around 4.30pm to round off the afternoon's events. That said, the bar will remain open for as long as anyone wants to continue toasting the King's health.

Philip Astor



Quick Quiz

A Quiz for April

All the answers are heavenly bodies

- 1 A novel by Wilkie Collins
- 2 A female tennis star
- 3 A cartoon dog
- 4 Home of a fox
- 5 A well known pop star, now deceased
- 6 The chief Roman god
- 7 Of gloomy temperament
- 8 A chocolate bar
- 9 Associated with a trident

March Answers:

1. Alessandro Volta Battery 1799, Levi Strauss Jeans 1850, Rudolf Diesel Diesel Engine 1892 and Christopher Cockerell Hovercraft 1955 2. Bach (1685), Mozart (1756), Joplin (1868) and Rogers (1902) 3. Iona (Inner Hebrides), Ailsa Craig (Firth of Clyde), Lundy (Devon coast) and Tresco (Scilly Isles) 4. House Martin (12.5cm), Starling (21cm), Blackbird (25cm) and Cuckoo (33cm) 5. Lima, Vienna, Baghdad and Valletta 6. 25cm (0.250m), 10" (0.254m), 1 yard (0.9144m) 1000mm (1m) 7. Stockholm (Sweden) 59° 17 mins, Aberdeen (Scotland) 57° 9mins, Copenhagen (Denmark) 55° 40mins, Newcastle-on-Tyne (England) 54° 58mins. 8. Chile, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. 9. Flamborough, (Yorkshire) Mumbles (Swansea), Eddystone (Cornwall/Devon border) and Bishops Rock (westernmost tip of the Isles of Scilly) 10. 1609ish Mayflower, 1774 Discovery, 1843 SS Great Britain and 1869 Cutty Sark

Answers to the March Crossword

Answers Across

1. Guitars
5. Charm
8. Acidification
9. Aches
10. Lengths
11. Choose
13. Mascot
15. Bizarre
17. Crass
19. Acupuncturist
20. Edits
21. Artisan

Answers Down

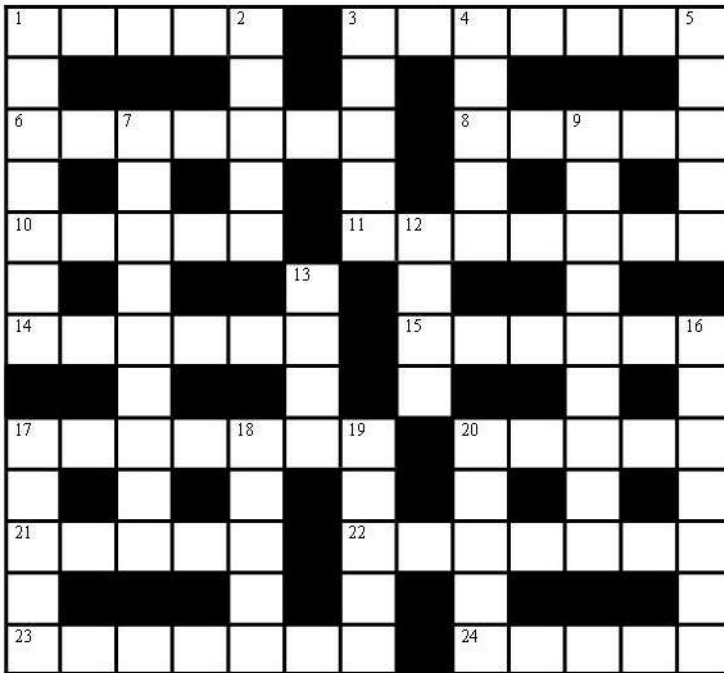
1. Ghana
2. Irish Bouzouki
3. Aliases
4. Skills
5. Chain
6. Aristocracies
7. Mindset
11. Cabbage
13. Account
14. Mercia
16. Abuts
18. Satin

Sorry we got it wrong last month! Due to a spelling mistake (Bizzare, instead of Bizarre, that none of us noticed) 16 down didn't fit.





April Crossword by Guidea



Clues Across

1. Chilly in Scotland (5)
3. Soon (7)
6. Sky traveller (7)
8. Is it a bird? Is it a submarine (5)
10. Measured by the minute (5)
11. Places often not used for their intended purpose (7)
14. A type of outdoor exercise or part of Yorkshire (6)
15. What sheep are to their environment (6)
17. Not for (7)
20. Regular shapes, OXO (5)
21. A fish (5)
22. A frozen danger at sea (7)
23. Our first artificial satellite (7)
24. Couples (5)

Clues Down

1. Someone who handmakes items (7)
2. Not fashionable (5)
3. Affectionate informal word for a child (5)
4. The comparative of old (5)
5. Outdoor areas, measurement (5)
7. Occuring right now (9)
9. Not animal or mineral (9)
12. The local high school (4)
13. These denote how old we are (4)
16. Plan, drawing, patterns (7)
17. Greek father, Arabic lion (5)
18. Your name (5)
19. Not thin (5)
20. Inexpensive (5)



Benefice Services in April TBC

	2nd Palm Sunday	9th Easter Day	16th Easter 2	23rd Easter 3 St George's Day	OTHER EASTER SERVICES
Dickle- burgh	9.30am HC	9.30am Morning Prayer	3.30pm Evening Prayer	9.30am HC	Thurs 6th HC Sat 8th Lighting Paschal Candle Times tbc
Pulham Market	9.30am HC+ Junior Church 7pm Celebration	9.30am Messy Church Methodist Hall +HC, tbc	9.30am HC + Junior Church	9.30am SW+ Junior Church	Good Friday 11.15am Service on the Green
Pulham St Mary	8am BCP Communion	9.30am HC	9.30am BCP Matins	9.30am HC	Good Friday 10.30am Walk of Witness to P Mkt 6pm Vigil
Rushall	Church open for prayer	11am HC	Church open for prayer	11am SW	30th Benefice Communion
Starston	11am BCP Communion	11am HC	11am HC	11am BCP Matins	Good Friday- Meditation 2pm
Thelveton	11am SW	11am HC tbc		11am HC	

Key To Services

HC: Holy Communion

PC: Parish Communion

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

SW: Sunday Worship

CC: Café Church



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