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Village diary.

Warm Welcome lunch in the Jubilee Hall	Wednesday 7 th October	11.30am
Warm Welcome lunch in the Jubilee Hall	Wednesday 21 st October	11.30am
Village firework display – Glebe Meadow	Saturday 7 th November	4.30pm
Parish Council Meeting in the Jubilee Hall	Monday 16 th November	7.30pm
Christmas tree lights switch-on at the Jubilee Hall	Saturday 28 th November	5.30pm

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Around and about.

Bun, cuppa & chat.

Our next Bun, Cuppa and Chat veteran's event will be on Thursday 22nd October, usual time, 2.30 - 4 pm at the Mariner's Galley

Pulham Market Society.

Wednesday 21st October - Memorial Hall, The Green, Pulham Market, IP21 4SU.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust – Sweet Briar Marshes - a talk by Matt Wickens

This area of marshland is located adjacent to the Norwich ring road to the west of the city. Annual Membership £15 – Guest visitors £5 per session.

Secretary/Membership: Sue Smee sue.smee@hotmail.co.uk

Pennoyer Centre – quiz night.

Friday 9th October at 19.00 to 22.30

Join us for our popular monthly quiz. Teams of up to 6 people. Fully licensed bar with guest ale from the barrel. Quiz entry fees (£5pp) payable on the night. Fish and chips (other options available) can be ordered on the night

<https://pennoyers.org.uk/event/quiz-night-12/>

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Diss Corn Hall: <https://www.thecornhall.co.uk/whats-on-list/>

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Editor's notes.

I hope this edition of the Pigeon Post finds you all happy and healthy, I write this entry having just witnessed the first clutch of leaves beginning to turn from a bright (if a little sunburnt) green to their eventual vibrant orange on my morning dog walk. Oddly, despite the colours changing, it seems as though the temperatures outside are yet to "get the memo" that we have entered Autumn, and I can confirm that it is still possible for over-dress for the weather. That said, our household has already relished the opportunity to have our first fire of the year!

It was a busy Summer in Starston, and in this edition of the Pigeon Post, we have a number of updates from some of the wonderful village events that took place.

In addition, we have a wide selection of articles which I am certain will result in you whipping out your diary, or maybe a calendar app depending on your proclivities, to make sure you don't miss out on what is happening in and around our beautiful village.

Lastly, make sure to check pages 10 and 17 to see if you have won a prize!!

Mark Spiers

Warm Welcome lunch.

Here are a couple of pictures that I took at the Jubilee Hall's Warm Welcome lunch today. It was a wonderful chance to see so many people from the village again.



Paul had an early birthday celebration too! What a lovely village Starston is!!

Demelza Scholes

Editor's Note: You can always check when the next Warm Welcome lunch will be on Page 3!



Guy Fawkes.

For over five hundred years we have in England on the 5th of November celebrated Guy Fawkes night. For those of us who are ageing, the ditty *“Remember remember the Fifth of November – Gunpowder Treason and Plot”* was emblazoned on our hearts. It is truly remarkable that over this very long period every year an effigy of Guy Fawkes would be raised on a public bonfire and burnt with an accompanying explosion of fireworks – all to celebrate the suppression of papacy in this country. In recent years it seems to me that a portion of our society has attempted to defuse this event by renaming it as “bonfire night” and deleting and/or proscribing all reference to the reason for its existence.

But I have an interest in writing this article. I went to the same school as Guy Fawkes and to burn one of the old boys when I was there in the early 1960’s was an offence for which one was instantly expelled. But let us start at the beginning and go on to the end and then stop.

1. Henry VIII was a devout catholic to his death and until recently our coins were inscribed with the symbol “Defender of the Faith” – “FidDef” for short – a tribute granted to him by Pope Leo X. When Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558 the country was essentially protestant, but the catholic element was still substantial and contained by her brilliant diplomacy over her long reign born out of the political and religious upheaval of the time. Her greatest achievement was in controlling the

ambition of the catholic Mary Queen of Scots to be monarch and this ended with the execution of Mary in 1587 for treason. On the childless death of Elizabeth in 1603 the succession to the English throne was granted to the son of Mary and her husband Darnley. He was James the VI of Scotland and became James I of England in 1603 – and he followed the protestant faith of the Church of England. This joinder of the two nations ended the endless and always disastrous attempts of the Scots over the previous two hundred years always assisted by the French to invade England.

2. But the face of England was not always the heart of it and shrewd observers would have observed and detected the perilous yeast still fermenting in the minds of many Catholics ending in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 one of the most infamous failed conspiracies in British history. It brought together a group of Catholic dissidents who were willing to risk everything to overthrow the Protestant Monarchy.

3. St. Peter’s School in York was founded in 627AD and has survived until now. It was a rough school. In 1565 Christopher Dobson was reprimanded for playing football in the Minster and was put in the stocks near the cathedral and birched on his buttocks. Dick Turpin was at the school.

Guy Fawkes (cont).

4. In 1605 Catholics in England had expected James I to be tolerant of them but he had proved to be the opposite and had ordered all Catholic priests to leave England. This so angered some Catholics that it led to the plot to kill not only the King but also everyone else sitting in the Houses of Parliament on November 5th, 1605.

5. Guy Fawkes, the son of a protestant Yorkshireman gentleman, attended the school, having become Catholic. The real leader of the plot was Robert Catesby, but ten others were involved including John and Christopher Wright, Oswald Tessimond, Edward Oldcorne, Robert Middleton, Thomas Winter and Thomas Percy who were all at the school with Fawkes. In the library when I was there was an etching of the conspirators on the wall. The responsibility of Guy Fawkes was to detonate the 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden beneath the House of Lords using expertise he developed when he fought for the Spanish army in 1591.

6. On the 4th of November an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteagle warning

him to stay away from the Houses of Parliament on the 5th of November. He gave it to the King, and the dungeons were searched and Fawkes was arrested.

7. On the 31st of January 1606 Guy Fawkes and three other conspirators were dragged through the streets of London to Westminster where they faced execution before a massive crowd. Fawkes, weakened by torture and illness managed to jump from the gallows and break his neck thus avoiding the agony of being disembowelled and quartered whilst still alive.

8. The other plotters were not so fortunate, and their grisly deaths served as a stark warning to anyone who dared to challenge the authority of the King and the Parliament establishment. This incident has left an indelible mark on the nation’s collective memory and certainly on mine.

*Andrew Baker
Beck Hall, Starston*

*Editor’s note:
Read about the Starston Fireworks Party on
Page 22!*

Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 16th November 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, please do email me in advance.

*Jo Madders
Clerk to Starston Parish Council
Email: clerk@starstonparishcouncil.gov.uk*





Harleston Players – October auditions.

To celebrate their 100th Anniversary next year, Harleston Players will be putting on that enduring and best-loved musical, GUYS AND DOLLS!

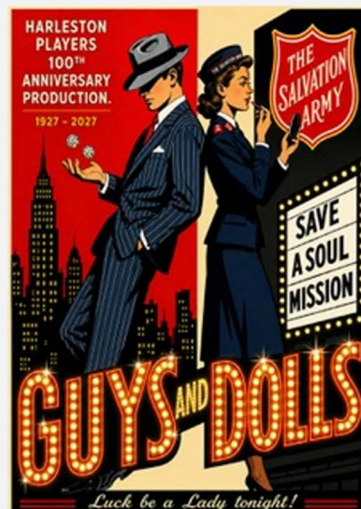
Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the nightspots of Havana, Cuba and even into the sewers of New York, but eventually (hopefully!) everyone ends up right where they belong.

Because this is a bigger show than usual, we are casting early and will start work on the songs and choreography from May 2027. Performances will be in October 2027, and the show will be directed by Cathy Edwards-Gill, with Musical Direction by Andrew Wheeler. There are plentiful roles for both men and women. The central characters need to be strong singers, but there are multiple roles for people who can sing a bit, as well as for good dancers. If you don't see yourself as either a singer or a dancer, come along anyway - there will be plenty to get stuck into! We need a big ensemble of gamblers, missionaries, policemen, street vendors, bartenders and the people of New York!

Auditions will be in the main hall at the Sancroft Academy, Wilderness Lane on:
 Sunday 11 October 9am – 12pm
 Sunday 18 October 9am – 12pm
 Sunday 25 October 10am – 4pm

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Edwards-Gill at: cannonballgirl@rocketmail.com or on Facebook Messenger.

Keep an eye on the Harleston Players website for a full list of roles.



Starston Fete & BBQ - Raffle Winner.

Are you the lucky winner??!!

We drew out a winning ticket for the magnum of Prosecco at the fete but have been unable to make contact with the winner. They left their telephone number quite clearly on the back of the ticket: "01379 870514" but ringing it has thus far produced no answer. So, if this number is registered to you and you want to claim your prize and you read this, please contact me as soon as the October Pigeon Post is distributed. If the prize is not claimed, the magnum will be re-raffled at the next Starston event.

John Formston (Starston PCC), tel. 01379 730283



What's on at Harleston Library.

Tel: (01379) 852549

Email: Harleston.lib@libraries.norfolk.gov.uk

On **Monday 12th October** our Beat Manager (Police) Dawn will be holding a surgery here from 2.00pm until 3.00pm, so pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

On **Friday 23rd October** we will be holding a 'Restart a Heart' drop-in session delivered by St John's Ambulance. They will be here from 4.00pm – 6.00pm so please call in and pick up some potentially lifesaving skills.

On the Wednesday of Half Term (**28th October**) we will be holding a special Halloween-themed Family Time at the earlier time of 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Drop in for some Halloween-themed crafts and games. **Fancy dress optional.**

We are pleased to announce that in addition to our weekly Drop in I.T. sessions every Monday, on the first Monday of the month we will have a representative from 'Tech Skills for Life' here to help with more in-depth queries including online skills, job searching and on-line forms. These sessions can be booked by contacting: 01603 306241.

Following on from the success of our 'Menopause Matters' event we are pleased to announce our 'Menopause Just a Cuppa' sessions on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Sessions are drop-in so there is no need to book and refreshments will be provided.

Dates for your Diary

(These activities are free of charge with refreshments available, no need to book)

Every Monday	'Drop in I.T. support'	12.00-2.00pm
	'Just A Cuppa'	2.00pm-3.00pm
	LEGO Club	3.30pm-4.30pm
Every Wednesday	Bounce & Rhyme	10.30am-11.00am (for babies and toddlers)
	Stay & Play	11.00am-12.00pm (for babies and toddlers)
	Family Time	3.30pm-4.30pm
Every Friday	Book Café	2.00pm-3.00pm (drop-in for book lovers)

Monday 5 th October	'Tea & Tech'	12.00pm-2.00pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Art & Craft Club	2.00pm-3.00pm (adults)
Wednesday 14 th October	Knit, Stitch & Chat	2.00pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Art & Craft Club	2.00pm-3.00pm (adults)
	Menopause Just a Cuppa	5.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 28 th October	Knit, Stitch & Chat	2.00pm-3.00pm
	Halloween - Family Time	2.00pm-4.00pm



Music in the Meadow - a big thank you.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make Music in the Meadow such a success. As usual in Starston, there was no shortage of helpers to set up for the event, help on the day and to clear up afterwards.

Extra special thanks must go to (in no particular order):

Lara and Chris Sparrow who ran the Bar, Dickon, Emily, Lucy and Frances Taylor who did sterling work on the barbecue, and Sean Cook along with his family who went above and beyond, not only organising the raffle and tombola, but doing a fantastic job in promoting the event, arranging the trade stands etc, as well as labouring tirelessly before and after the event.



Special thanks also go to John and Jake Chapman (from Dickleburgh) who did a fantastic job of the sound engineering for the entire event (and played in two of the bands!) as well as all of the various artistes who performed free-of-charge on the day.

We had endless help from an army of helpers to erect and dismantle marquees,



and to help with all the minutiae which goes with these events.

Finally, many thanks also go out to all of those who so generously provided prizes for the raffle and tombola.

I think all who attended would agree, it truly was a real community event, put on by the community and enjoyed by the community!

The bands who played were: The Starston Allstars, The Hedge Monkeys, Lost and Found, Fireside Echo, Border Road and Salix. Please contact me if you would like to book any of them for a future event!

So many thanks,

Frank Pearson



Harleston Players - autumn 2026 production.

"Listen very carefully, I shall say this only once ..."

'Allo 'Allo 2 - 'The Camembert Caper'

Directed by Sara Curtis

Based on the hugely popular TV comedy series, this sequel to the popular stage production of 'Allo 'Allo continues the adventures of reluctant resistance hero and harassed café owner Rene Artois, in German-occupied wartime France.

General Von Klinkerhoffen demands a fortune in francs in recompense for the loss of the infamous painting of 'The Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies' and Rene is expected to come up with the cash.

But nothing is ever easy! The cash, a set of forged notes and a bomb all end up hidden in identical camembert cheeses. What could possibly go wrong?

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Enthusiastic Starston: electromechanical machines – 1990s pinball.

Pinball machines have a long history dating back to the 1800s, with the first machines using the familiar electro-mechanical ‘flippers’ appearing in the late 1940s. Today’s far more complex and feature-laden machines are an evolution of these.

The most popular machines with enthusiasts were almost all made after 1990. Everyone has their own favourite but Godzilla (Stern, 2021), Medieval Madness (Williams, 1997), Twilight Zone (Bally, 1993) and The Addams Family (Bally, 1992) regularly appear in ‘top 10’ lists.



While Williams and Bally have gone out of business now, there are still many manufacturers of machines with Stern, Jersey Jack and the Chicago Gaming Company being among the largest. As used to be the case with jukeboxes (see August’s

issue), manufacturing is centred on Chicago, truly the epicentre for large electro-mechanical ‘boys toys’.

Our pinball journey started when we visited one of my wife’s cousins in Canada in 1995 and really enjoyed playing his machine. Lynda actually beat his record score with her first go at pinball! Move the clock on by a year and we moved to live in the USA. Once settled, we started to look at getting our own machine. We eventually came across a guy near us in Dallas who was the PA to a TV-evangelist and who bought and sold pinball machines on the side (!!). Long story short, we bought a Twilight Zone (TZ) machine from him, which has a theme based around the early 1960s TV series.

It was sold to us as ‘fully shopped’, ‘serviced’ and ‘cleaned’. Well, those statements told us all we needed to know about the ethics of the world of TV evangelism in Texas! Many hours and 40+ light bulbs later the machine was actually clean and everything worked. It brought hours of joy to us, our children our friends and neighbours. But after ten years the children had moved on and it sat mostly unused in a corner. So, I decided to sell it, which I duly did on eBay. Mistake!

As usually happens when I sell something, the value of pinball machines shot up over the next few years. About 18 years on and the grandchildren are of an age to appreciate a machine and we were feeling



nostalgic. This led to a trip to West Yorkshire one morning this summer, with another TZ coming back in the car. And it only cost us four times what I sold the first one for! It’s in better condition, it passes all its internal tests and all the bulbs worked, so that’s something I suppose.

I’m upgrading it to LED lighting (not original but much better). There’s a whole science around optimal LED design for pinball machines. Who knew? Some bulbs require a lot of disassembly to reach them so this task isn’t finished yet. Then there are a few ‘pimp-up’ mods to add to it, a couple of broken plastic parts to replace and it will be

done. I’m keeping all the original parts so it can go back to factory spec if needed.

In Europe, there is a strong pinball scene centred on Germany and the Netherlands, with a very active community in the UK. Parts for the more popular machines are readily available with a whole industry of remanufacturers of parts for obsolete machines. Luckily, Twilight Zone is very well served with parts. It’s actually easier to get them in 2026 than it was in 1998!

We keep looking at eBay and Facebook as we think it’s a bit boring buying the same machine we had 20+ years ago and we could find space for another if we had to. However, the jukebox needs constant attention (it’s still not fully working) and pinball machines are hugely complex too, so maybe one is enough.....

Craig





Film night at the Pennoyer Centre.

October 16th @ 19:30 - 22:00

Doors Open: 7.00pm

Entry: £6.00

A university lecturer turns to falconry following the death of her father and builds a deep connection with a goshawk in this drama based on the memoir by Helen Macdonald.

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Thurs 15th – Bungay Market Day - £10

Mon 19th – Thetford Town and Garden Centre - £15

Mon 26th – Longwater Retail Park and Lunch at The Copper Beech - £18

Thurs 29th – Taverham Garden Centre - £18

To book or for more information please call 01379 854800 or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org



Starston 100 club.

The first draw of 2026 to find 100 Club Winners, took place at the wonderful Music in the Meadow event on 22nd August.

The winners are as follows:

6th - £15 - John Formston

5th - £20 – Pat Miller

4th - £25 – David Stone

3rd - £30 – Anna Saul

2nd - £50 – Will Griffin Sparrow

1st - £60 – Bev Hendry

Another draw will be made later in the year; make sure you don't miss out!

It costs just £12 per person per annum to join the 100 Club, if you would like to join, please contact Jenny Doughty (Treasurer) on: jyd.jubileehall@gmail.com

The funds raised are invested directly back into the community and used to complete important maintenance to both the Jubilee Hall and the Glebe Meadow.



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Benefice Letter.

Hello!

Welcome to those of you reading this magazine for the first time!

Many conversations I have had recently with village people have included the question 'Do you know when we will be getting the new rector?' Of course, it is not just our own village but five others as well, who get together to sort a document called the 'Profile', detailing what we have to offer and would like.

A lot of work and time goes into producing this, and then a special meeting is arranged to agree it all and decide who should be on the interviewing panel. Then, at last, an advert can be placed. After interviewing, notice has to be given to the church the priest will be leaving – and so it all takes time. We're looking well into 2027.

You can play a part in this! We believe God answers prayer in his own time and we can *all* pray: 'Your Kingdom come, *Your* will be done...' Our own selfish desires may not be granted.

Meanwhile, we keep looking out for each other with compassion, keep relationships sweet with our tolerance and forgiveness, support the village shop, see where we can lend a hand, pick up a bit of litter to make the place attractive or use our courage to go to something we've not been to before and grow the community spirit in the village.

Above all, we must remember to call someone when we need help.

Love and prayers for you all,

Margaret Adlam

RoughCast Theatre performs 'The Seagull' by Anton Chekhov.

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Notes from a Starston garden.

The summer of 2026 has been the most challenging I have ever known in my 45 years of gardening. By the middle of September, I was ready to throw in the towel. Call it a day. Give it up as a bad job. Not permanently, you understand – I just wanted to draw a line under 2026, horticulturally speaking.

To that end, I dropped my great plans for growing winter salad crops and have put my vegetable garden to bed much earlier than usual. A digression. It has been a year of two halves for my veg. The early outdoor crops did reasonably well, the ones which had done much of their growing before the hot, dry weather really hit. We enjoyed plenty of early potatoes, and the onions, though not as large as they have been in the past, are perfectly acceptable and will last until Christmas.

What were hit badly were the lettuce, which bolted almost as soon as they were planted out, and the runner beans. As we all found, the textbooks are right. The flowers really don't set in hot, dry conditions. The French beans were better, but mine came in dribs and drabs, never enough at one time for a decent portion. Even the courgettes have not produced their usual glut.

The upshot is that the courgette plants are on the compost heap, the beanpoles are back in the garage and, following the first decent rain we had in September, most of

the veg beds are already mulched. The mulch was partly my own compost and partly the composted manure, and potting compost which I bought in the spring and couldn't use.

I did keep the leeks and parsnips watered but I don't think they appreciated the heat either, as they haven't put on the normal amount of growth. Baby leeks and parsnips it will have to be. Mind you, the parsnips weren't helped by the mole which burrowed under them when they were just a few centimetres high. As a sop to the leeks, I have covered them with mesh as a deterrent to the miner moths, though I'm not sure the insects will be terribly interested. The brassicas? Don't mention the cabbages, Mr Fawltly.

That brings me to the ornamentals. I pass on the disinterested advice of Tim Fuller who runs The Plantsman's Preference, that excellent nursery in South Lopham. He doesn't recommend just ripping out the plants which appear dead, as many may simply have entered an early dormancy in response to the conditions and will be fine next spring. So, I'll leave them be for now. As my friend Juliet says, "Let's give them a sporting chance".

Dee the Gardener





Starston Fireworks Party

Saturday 7th November 2026 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Due to popular demand, the village fireworks party will be held again this year from 4:30pm. The format will follow that as in previous years i.e. the ticket price will include a hot dog, cupcake, sparkler, drink and fireworks.

Please reserve the date in your diary and if you would like tickets at £6 per person, under 5's free, then contact either Ann Leitch a_leitch@live.co.uk or Janet Broadhurst janetbroadhurst@aol.com

We don't want finance to be an issue for attendance at this village community event. Thanks to generous donations, we do have some complementary tickets. If you would like one or more of these tickets for Starston residents, please contact either Ann or Janet for a confidential conversation.

Harleston Choral Society.

It's a Win - Win for 6th Form Film Students and Local Choir!

Earlier in the summer, HCS partnered for the first time, with 6th form students from Diss High School for a mutually beneficial collaboration.

Two Film and Media Studies students responded to a call for help from HCS to film and record their summer concert, so that visitors to the HCS website will in future be able to see and hear what the choir sounds like. With young people currently finding it tough to get any kind of work experience, HCS gave the students the opportunity to work on a real-life project that would not only give them genuine relevant experience, but develop skills such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. It also enables them to include it on their CV, discuss it in interviews and obtain a reference!

HCS have now started rehearsals for our Christmas Concert, which will take place on Saturday 5th December when we will be performing Saint- Saëns Christmas Oratorio and Cecilia McDowell's Christus Est as well as many seasonal favourites.

For more details, please see our website www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk or contact Caroline Rodbourne on 01986 782545



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October quiz – Dingbats.

A dingbat is a puzzle where the position of words on the page has meaning. Hence the word 'Miss' under the word 'standing' becomes 'misunderstanding'.

Find the well-known phrase or saying - *for example* '--- agement' is 'Missing man'

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Paddington – must have | 6. Touching Planet Earth |
| 2. $6 \div 4 = 15$ | 7. Mrs. Beckham |
| 3. 9pm = £14 | 8. 7Monday 2Friday 4Sunday |
| 4. Bidden Orange
Bidden Plum
Bidden Grape
Bidden Peach | 9. R.I.P. Doorbell |
| 5. oLD | 10. <u>The</u> <u>sand</u> |

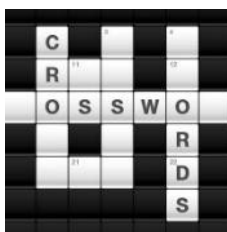
Answers to the September quiz (music).

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| 1a. Lee Majors | 1e. Bruce Willis | 2. Enrico Caruso |
| 1b. Richard Harris | 1f. David Soul | 3a. Milan |
| 1c. Clint Eastwood | 1g. Lee Marvin | 3b. New York |
| 1d. William Shatner | 1h. Mel Brooks | 3c. Buenos Aires. |

Answers to the September crossword.

Across.

1. Door
4. Dabbled
9. Ear
10. Bream
11. Cabin
12. Ova
13. Tenor
15. Distant
17. Daises
19. Dented
23. Dreaded
26. Daddy
29. ICE
30. China
31. Minor
32. EMI
33. Discard
34. Care

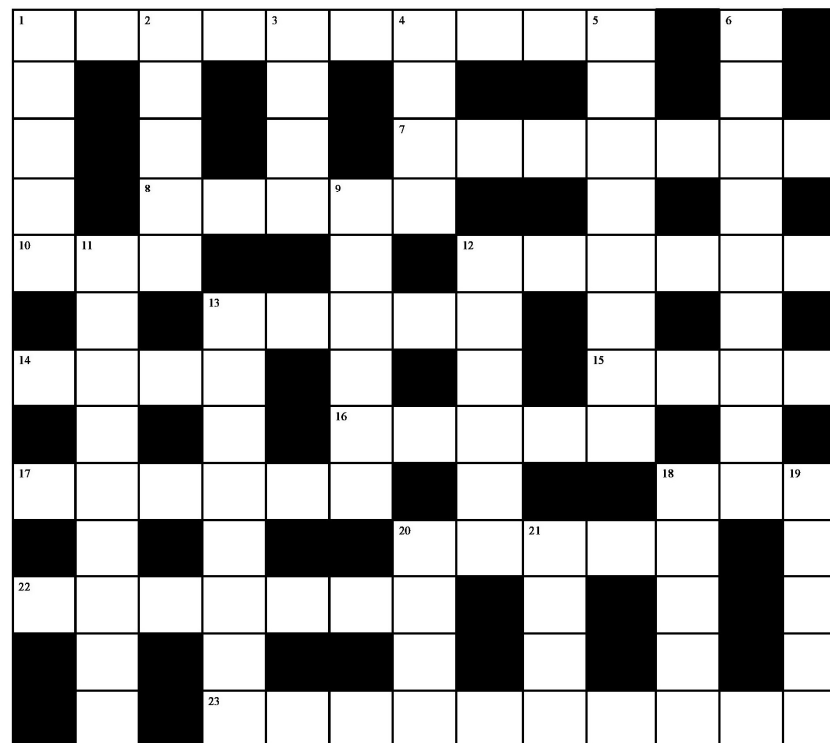


Down.

2. Odeon
3. Remorse
4. Dryads
5. Backs
6. Libra
7. Denoted
8. Abut
14. ETA
16. Tan
17. Deduced
18. Sea
20. Endemic
21. End
22. Edited
24. Exits
25. Drama
27. Denar
28. Yare



October crossword by Webbe.



Clues across.

1. Dishonestly appropriating (10)
7. A French scandal (7)
8. Compressed hay or straw (5)
10. A leisure or tourism company (3)
12. Provides money or property (6)
13. Hair brushed upwards (5)
14. South African tribe (4)
15. Similar (4)
16. Burst forth (5)
17. Doubled lined tank (6)
18. Also (3)
20. Applying force to a fulcrum (5)
22. Smoothly flowing (7)
23. Can be done without (10)

Clues down.

1. To throw something out (5)
2. A fictitious deer (5)
3. With energy or enthusiasm (4)
4. A burden (4)
5. Highest degree of impressiveness (8)
6. Female member of a jury (9)
9. Forced to leave their native country (6)
11. Normally differs from the standard (9)
12. Flowing emotion (6)
13. Sometimes called ATVs (8)
18. Egyptian unit of dry measure (5)
19. Uncrewed aircraft of male bee (5)
20. Ancient stringed instrument (4)



Benefice services in October (tbc).

	4 th Oct Trinity 18/Proper 22	11 th Oct Trinity 19/Proper 23	18 th Oct Trinity 20/Proper 24	25 th Oct Bible Sunday
Pulham Market	9.30 Communion	9.30 Messy Church	9.30 Communion	9.30 All Age Worship
Pulham St Mary	8.00 BCP Communion	11.00 CW Morning Prayer	11.00 Communion	11.00 All Age Worship
Starston	5.00pm Harvest Festival + supper	11.00 Great + Small	11.00 BCP Morning Prayer	11.00 BCP Morning Prayer
Dickleburgh	11.00 Harvest Festival + lunch	9.30 Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Communion
Thelveton	11.00 Morning Prayer		6.00 Communion	11.00 Morning Prayer
Rushall		11.00 Harvest Communion		

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Starston	11.00am 2 nd Sundays (breakfast from 10.15am)
Pulham St Mary	11.00am 3 rd Sundays (breakfast from 10.15am)
Pulham Market	9.30am 4 th Sundays (breakfast from 9am)

For updates on Starston Services contact John Formston 853042 or jformston07@talktalk.net

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All services are subject to change. For up-to-date information please go to the Benefice Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/26-107EP/



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