



Sedgeford Village News

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Sedgeford Village Hall

The Village Hall remains closed at this time but like many, we are hoping for a positive outcome when we get the road map from the government as to how and when activities can resume. The hall committee continue to work hard with upgrading the hall to ensure it is ready to welcome back groups.

Last Easter we should have welcomed a group from the caravan club for their Easter Rally but of course the first lockdown prevented this. They have moved the rally to this Easter but as yet we do not know whether we will be able to host them on the field. The group hope to be able to come and enjoy a weekend in the village and surrounding area as well as using the hall for events over the Easter weekend. By the time the next newsletter comes out we will know if they are coming but I thought I would just let you know now, of this possible event. The vans would be on one side of the field so will not prevent the use of the field for dog walkers etc. The committee would ask users of the playing field to respect the caravans and not let dogs go into their area while they are here. Your co-operation with this will be appreciated by our visitors and the committee.

Dates for plays have been booked for the future so, when we can open the hall, committee hope to get back to some of the things that people enjoy attending. As always, if you have ideas as to how the hall can be used for events, please tell a committee member.

In the short term keep safe and keep yourselves safe.

John Ward
Chair

Post Office

Don't forget the Post Office visits the village hall on three days a week. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 2.15 -2.45 pm. Please use it or we will lose it.

Parish Council

Do you spot potholes or faults in the roads and pavements when you are out and about in the village? Then you can help the Parish Council get them reported quickly. If you have a smart phone, download the app "Fix My Street". The App is free and allows you to report a fault which is then linked to Norfolk County Council (NCC) who are responsible for repairs. The app allows you to take a photo to send with your report and you can do it on the spot. The app also reports on the side of the Parish Council website. You will receive an email back from NCC and updates about what they are doing. John Ward has tried it and it really works, the Parish Council would be grateful for your support as they try to keep the roads safe in the Parish.

Because of current restrictions, we continue to hold Parish Council meetings using Zoom. The next date will be Wednesday 17th March, when there will be two meetings: the Annual Parish meeting at 6.30pm and the regular monthly Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend either of these meetings, please email the Clerk, Roger Quick, on sedgeford.parish@outlook.com. Papers for the meetings will be on the parish council website, <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> and on the notice-board.

The new flashing SAM sign has now been ordered and we are waiting for it to be delivered and installed. The new village 'gates' have also been ordered.

Borough Councillor Stuart Dark reported to our February meeting that the County has now introduced a-symptomatic lateral-flow Covid testing, with a site at the Oasis in Hunstanton. The test centre in Kings Lynn is for those with symptoms. For further details, go to <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2021/02/extra-testing-rolled-out-in-norfolk-to-help-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus>

Sue Crump
Chair

Women's Friendship Group

Hello ladies. I'm sorry I haven't got any exciting news for you but with Spring hopefully just around the corner, I thought this poem may cheer you up.

Spring Quiet by Christine Rossetti 1830-1894)

Gone were but the Winter,
Come were but the Spring,
I would go to a covert
Where the birds sing:

Where in the whitethorn
singeth a thrush
and a robin sings
in the holly bush

Full of fresh scents
are the budding boughs,
arching high over
a cool green house:

Full of sweet scents,
and a whispering air
which sayeth softly:
'we spread no snare;'

Here dwell in safety,
here dwell alone,
with a clear stream
and a mossy stone.

Here the sun shineth
most shadily;
here is heard an echo
of the far sea,
tho' far off it be.

Maggie Burlton

Sedgeford Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Speedwatch through the village is still on hold due to the COVID-19 situation. Hopefully we will be back before too long as speeding through the village has increased.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the speedwatch team, (this involves about an hour of your time each month) then please contact John Palmer on 01485 297288 or email: jpgygs72@gmail.com.

SHARP APPEAL

Last year SHARP were hoping to celebrate their 25th year of Archaeology in Sedgeford but due to the pandemic this was not possible. I hope you will be able to support their appeal.

I should like, as Chair of the Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (SHARP), to ask for your help and support.

The Project has now been running for 25 years and has more than enough unexcavated archaeology to run for at least 25 more years. During the last quarter of a century, over 4,000 individuals have come to SHARP as excavators and also to learn more about archaeology through our courses and lectures. In addition, very many more, especially from local schools have visited the site to view our excavations and finds.

We do not rely on a substantial, recurring grant for support, but have always generated our own resources and relied upon the generosity of individuals, local societies and organisations. Our headquarters in Sedgeford, the Old Village Hall, has been most generously provided for us by the Sedgeford Hall Estate but it is now in need of major repair and we must move out. This has offered us the opportunity to move our archive and research base down on to the main site in Boneyard field. The installation of a mains electricity supply is essential to enable us to improve and extend the facilities we can provide for excavators, researchers and visitors alike as, in the past, we have had to use a diesel-powered generator to produce electricity and we need a reliable, cleaner and greener supply. This is where we need your help and support. The cost will be £15,000 and we have launched a Crowdfunder campaign to help raise the money. Our campaign page can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/sharp-powering-the-past>

We would be most grateful if:

- (a) you could make a donation to the campaign (if you are a tax payer please remember to tick the Gift Aid box)
- (b) Like and share your donation on Facebook or other social media
- (c) make contact with other SHARPIes and interested friends to ask them whether they would like to support us also.

Thank you so much, we are most grateful for your support and generosity
John Jolly
Chair of SHARP

News from The King William

Best wishes to all our customers during this latest - and hopefully last - lockdown. We, of course, are closed but with the successful roll out of the vaccination programme, we are hopeful for a 1 April opening.

This cannot be confirmed at this stage but we await a government announcement with fingers crossed!!

Room bookings are being taken from April.

We have been busy with in-house maintenance during lockdown. The Bar, hallway, upper Gallery restaurant and stairs to bedrooms have all been newly carpeted. Ralph has been re-painting the bar and all wooden surfaces have had a fresh coat of varnish. 3 Sash windows have been replaced and all stone flooring scrubbed.

As I write snow is falling and Sedgeford is looking as pretty as a picture - blanketed in the white stuff. The dogs love it.

Thank goodness for Channel 4 's coverage of the Test cricket from India. Well played England.

Keep well everyone.

Nick Skerritt

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The Arts Society

FREE and easy to view ONLINE LECTURE

Monday 8th March 2021 at 2pm.

Edward Seago, From Circus to Sandringham.

Join us 'online' to find out what life was really like "Downstairs".

A prolific author, he overcame childhood illness before running away with the circus. He mixed in aristocratic circles, making friends among the Royal family; a colourful wartime career and a trip to Antarctica aboard the Royal Yacht add to this fascinating account.

To arrange your view please visit the Home Page of our website and click the link to request your free on-line access code.

www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

Gerald Pepper
Chair

Sedgeford Church

Again, this year, Sedgeford church is supporting the Night Shelter during the Lent period. If you would like to help please collect any loose change in a jar starting now and return it to the church on Easter Sunday. Like all charities, the Night Shelter desperately needs our help.

The church is open each day from 9.30 am – 3 pm and apologies for not opening during the week of the snow – Church Lane was very icy!

We have loads of books and puzzles in the church so please come in and help yourself – you can buy or borrow. Thank you to everyone who has left donations – they are much appreciated. Please keep them coming.

There is a short service on a Sunday morning at 10am with very safe socially distanced seating – you are most welcome to come along.

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Lockdown brings WI Members together

Stanhoe & Barwick WI have found new ways to keep in touch during the lockdowns. It's been challenging, being unable to meet since March 2020 and with members spread across 11 villages. Nevertheless, the ladies kept in contact with one another, offering support and having a 'mardle'. A rota ensures that everyone is phoned regularly and all have welcomed the opportunity to chat, many finding that they know one another so much better now.

A successful Christmas raffle, with prizes donated by local businesses and members, raised over £180 for funds. This is now being used to provide little surprises for all members. Valentine's bookmarks were made by Vice-President Nicki Smith and distributed to all 29 members, who warmly appreciated the thought. The committee are now hard at work organising an Easter gift.

The next step is to look at offering regular Zoom chats and Zoom speakers.

Stanhoe and Barwick WI's Facebook page gives further details of recent activities. New members are always welcome!

Valerie Robson
Secretary

Beach clean guardians needed

Through our small grant fund, we'd like to fund a Norfolk Coast Partnership sponsored beach clean station, or 3, and need volunteer guardians at each site to manage the day-to-day running of these. Guardian responsibilities include putting the information board out each morning and bringing it in at night with regard to weather and tides and so a storage facility and nearby, suitable waste disposal will be essential. We think this would suit a beach-side café, shop, or other coastal business perhaps? Full training will be provided.

Of course, we would be looking to place new boards once the current Covid-19 restrictions are ended. Beach clean litter picking stations are provided by the 2 Minute Foundation, a registered charity devoted to cleaning up our planet 2 minutes at a time, who believe that simple, achievable acts can add up to make a great difference. Communities and visitors are encouraged to spend 2 (or more) minutes picking up marine litter from their #2minutebeachclean station boards. Further details are on their website <https://beachclean.net/> and see the Norfolk coast locations (you'll see that there is quite a gap between Hunstanton and Cley!), along with other excellent local beach clean initiatives, at <http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/beach-clean-events/691>

New boards would be part of an innovative project where low grade waste, the kind picked up on beach cleans which cannot be easily recycled, is put to good use. Alongside several other organisations, including Reworked and The Ocean Recovery Project, the 2 Minute Foundation are turning this low-grade plastic into the litter picking stations, making a completely closed-loop operation. For an informal chat about becoming a guardian email aonb@norfolk.gov.uk or phone us on 01328 850545.

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Things to do in the Garden this month

Finish off rose pruning before new shoots start to appear.

Divide large clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites to reduce overcrowding and spread them over a wider area. After flowering but while still in leaf, dig up a clump and pull it apart into several small clumps and replant. Plant at the same depth as before, with the white leaf bases below ground.

Finish off cutting Buddleia bushes.

Prick out young seedlings.

Sow lettuces into small pots or modules for planting out in a few weeks' time.

In the Greenhouse

Clear all dead leaves and petals and brush all dirt from surfaces. Wipe with mild disinfectant and then wipe dry. Make sure all pots are clean ready for planting up.

All articles for the next newsletter should be in by:

18th March 2021