

Sedgeford Village News

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Parish Council

John Ward completed the period of handover to Roger Quick at the end of March. Councillors have agreed that Roger's regular office hours, when he will be available to answer phone calls and emails, will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 10.00 to 12.00. At other times, enquirers will receive an automated message and he will reply as soon as he is next available. His phone number is: 07598 702826.

The Government has announced that, from mid-May, it will no longer be possible for councils to hold meetings using Zoom. To ensure that all are able to attend, Councillors agreed to change the date of their May meeting to Wednesday 5th May. On this date, there will be two meetings: the Annual Parish Council meeting, at 6.30, and the regular monthly meeting after that. Papers for both meetings will be on the parish council website, <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> and on the notice-board. If you would like to attend either of these meetings, please email Roger, on sedgeford.parish@outlook.com.

We expect the June meeting to be held at the Village Hall, with appropriate measures in place to comply with government guidelines, including layout of seating, one-way system, wearing masks, etc.

The new village gates, containing the speed limit signs, have now been erected on Heacham Road and Docking Road. The new flashing SAM sign has been delivered and will be installed soon. The council has replaced the timber edging to the cemetery path, which had eroded over the years. Last month, Councillors agreed to bid for CIL funding for outdoor fitness equipment for the playing field: we are waiting to hear if this application has been successful.

The Council is investigating possible grant funding for a signposted circular walk. Following the death of Pat Tee in December, we are looking for a volunteer footpath warden. This might suit someone who regularly walks around the village and could look out for overgrown or obstructed footpaths. If you are interested, please email sedgeford@suecrump.co.uk.
Sue Crump

Captain Tom 100

Just a reminder that our Fundraising event for the village hall, church and Captain Tom fund will take place on the 1st May starting at 10.30 am. You should all have received the details including the Sponsor Form.

There will be a marked out area of 100 metres and you can walk this as often as you want to. We will be selling coffee, tea and refreshments on one stall and another stall selling cakes. All socially distanced. If you can't make it on the day but would like to make a donation, please complete the sponsor form with your donation, tick the gift aid box if you are a UK tax payer, pop it in an envelope and drop it in to 20 Goodminns or on the day, in the box provided. Please make any cheques payable to **Sedgeford PCC**, so that we can claim the gift aid back.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far with offers of help on the day plus making cakes. Look forward to seeing you on the 1st May.

Pam Goddard
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Table Tennis

As lockdown eases, we are at last able to restart Table Tennis in the Village Hall starting Tuesday 18th May. We will have sessions on every Tuesday and Friday from 10-12. All games will be singles and as we are still getting clarification about indoor numbers for sport in May, please contact us if you want to restart or need more information.

We do not anticipate the King's Lynn League starting until September so the League nights on Wednesday and practice night on Thursday will not begin until later in the year.

Contacts: Mike 579355 or Cath 572724

Sedgeford Village Yard Sale

We will be holding a Yard Sale on Sunday 23rd May from 10 am to 3 pm.

If you would like to hold a sale, please call Sarah White on 07802 270440 or Sally Ward on 570504. Once we know who is participating a map will be drawn up – so far, we have at least 20 houses taking part.

Sally Ward

Sedgeford Church

Night Shelter

A huge thank you to everyone who saved their loose change for the Night Shelter in King's Lynn during Lent. We collected £452.93 which was fantastic. We shall continue to do this each year, so if you keep your loose change in a jar throughout the year, for a very worthy cause, we would be most grateful.

Foodbank News, March 2021 from James Monro

We continue to be busy in these difficult times, and would like to thank everyone for their kind support, with a special thanks to the local churches, Sainsburys, Nationwide and Barclays Bank in town, as well as the Burnham Deepdale shop for hosting collection points.

We manage our food store in St Edmund's church hall rather like a small shop keeping the stock on the shelves in order of "best by" dates, so that the older items are used first and never wasted (yes, I know that some might disagree with this, but it is something we have to adhere to). However, your generosity means that we now have more than enough baked beans, pasta, porridge oats, tinned tomatoes, chick peas and other pulses, soup and tea to use before the dates on the packs. At present we do not need any more of these as we do not want to waste anything.

Our shelving system makes it easy to put together parcels to provide as balanced a diet as is possible, albeit using food with a long enough shelf-life. What we really need in order to do this at present are more of the following:

UHT milk, tinned meat of all descriptions, tinned fruit, long life fruit juice and custard

In these difficult times, we have to keep clients and volunteers as far apart as possible in a limited space. This means that at present we have a big enough group of people to call upon to help, and are not able to accommodate any more. It is not easy to say no to all the good people who have asked if they can help out, but please accept our thanks for your kind thoughts.

Rev. James Monro,

Chair of Trustees

Hunstanton and District Foodbank

Women's Friendship Group

Now we have reached the month of May, hopefully at last we will be allowed to see our grandchildren again after all these months. We have all missed them so much. Here is a poem I wrote when my first grandchild was born. Abigail will be nine years old this month. My- how time flies.

ABIGAIL

My first little grandchild arrived in May
Forever in my memory will be that wonderful day.

Her pink perfectly formed body with
tiny fingers and toes
Her beautiful big eyes and tiny little nose.

Her smile so peaceful when eyes closed in sleep
Around the room we must creep
So as not to wake her before it is time
For mother's milk that will be her mealtime.

The joy that she gives just to behold
Is richer than thousands of nougats of gold

It starts the story of life over again
A circle of expectations, excitement and
love to unchain.

The years to come, to watch and see
Another little person to climb the family tree.
As I get older and watch her grow
Something from me may develop and glow

Her life's just beginning, about to unfold,
a Fairy tale
A little girl so wanted and loved, dearest Abigail.

No meetings on the horizon yet. Helen is monitoring the situation and will be in touch when there is anything to report. Hopefully we'll see each other in the summer.

Maggie Burlton

Post Office

A reminder that 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.

NEWS FROM THE KING WILLIAM

Opening Monday 17 May at 6pm.
Then open daily from 11.30am to 10.30pm.
Lunch served 12.00 to 2.30pm.
Dinner served 6pm to 9pm.
Takeaway service resumed.

Look forward to seeing you.
Best Wishes,
Nick

The Arts Society

Our next online lecture is on Monday 10th May at 2.00pm

The Art and Culture of Fin de Siècle Vienna

At the turn of the last century, Vienna was the capital of a vast empire and one of the most exciting artistic laboratories in the world. It produced painters such as Gustav Klimt, and Egon Schiele; architects like Otto Wagner, and Adolf Loos; the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud; and the composer Gustav Mahler. Looking at these and other figures in the context of the society in which they worked, this talk asks how and why the City of Dreams became a cultural hotbed around 1900.

If you've not yet joined one our lectures do visit our website's 'Home Page' and click the link to request your free on-line access code.

www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

Jobs to do in the garden during May

Take softwood cuttings of salvias, dahlias and pelargoniums to increase you stock of plants for free. Also herbs.

Keep on top of weeding by doing it little and often.

Tie in climbers regularly to give them support

Plant up containers at the end of the month

Sow seeds outside of half-hardy annual flowers

Water more as plants grow larger

Thin seedlings to improve growth

Prune early-flowering clematis right after they finish flowering.

Plant out sweet peas once roots are well formed and train them up supports

Let spring bulb foliage die down naturally, so it can pass its nutrients into the bulb to strengthen it for the following year

Dig out lawn weeds rather than using chemicals

Deadhead lilac once it has finished flowering

Articles for the next newsletter should be in by:

Thursday 20th May