



Sedgeford Village News

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Sedgeford Parish Council – December 2021 and January 2022 meetings

The last meeting of 2021 took place in the Village Hall on 15th December, with all necessary covid precautions observed.

Before the formal meeting, the Council received a plaque on behalf of the village parishioners, presented by the Countess of Romney, acting for Norfolk's Lord Lieutenant. "The plaque reflects a unique moment in time when communities and individuals came together to support and look after each other to the mutual benefit of all in a time of real need during the challenging weeks and months of the pandemic." The plaque was designed by Ruby Douglas, a recent graduate of the Norwich University of Arts, and the words are from 19th century Norfolk-born Harriet Martineau. The plaque is now on display in the foyer of the Village Hall. The draft budget for 2022-2023 was agreed and meeting dates confirmed for the period between July and December.

The first meeting of the New Year was held in the Village Hall on 19th January, with all Parish, District and County councillors present. Following a request to the County Council, a handrail has been installed beside the steps leading down to the footpath from Church Lane to the river. New locations for dog bins have now been agreed, the bins have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive.

Proposals to maintain as open space the area of land between the former Mill and Parkside have been agreed with the Borough Council. They plan to install wooden posts this month and young trees will then be planted in February or March. These will be spaced far enough apart to enable pedestrian access and grass-cutting but should prevent illegal parking. Councillors discussed grant funds available, especially from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) income. Parish councillors agreed to support and provide some match-funding for applications to be prepared by the Village Hall Committee. The two main proposals are to install solar panels on the roof of the hall and to replace the existing stage with moveable modular units.

Borough Councillor Stuart Dark explained the minor changes to speed limits on the A149 which come into effect this month, including a 50mph limit on the section north of the Snettisham roundabout and up to the BP garage at Heacham.

The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th, at the Village Hall. The agenda and papers will be available on the Parish Council noticeboard, opposite the King William, and on the website, <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/meetings-2021/>

Sue Crump, Chair

Roger Quick, Clerk

Volunteers wanted.

Voluntary Norfolk is looking for volunteers to support the NHS and vulnerable people needing extra help in the community. They have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and are happy to work with you to find the volunteering role that is right for you, fits your interests, skills, location and availability.

Current volunteer vacancies include supporting carers and the people they care for; volunteer drivers to assist patients in accessing key healthcare appointments; meet and greet, admin support and stock room roles in community hospitals and GP surgeries; marshals and administration roles at Covid vaccination centres; volunteers to help people with a newly diagnosed long term condition achieve health goals and improve their quality of life; volunteers to help clients use smart phones and computers to connect with family and friends and, of course, telephone befrienders to reduce isolation and loneliness.

If you would like to have a conversation about the volunteering opportunities available at Voluntary Norfolk, please get in touch. Email volunteering@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk providing your preferred contact information, phone 07385 378740 and speak to a volunteer coordinator or leave a message, or fill in the volunteer registration form for the relevant service you are interested in via this link:

<https://www.voluntarynorfolk.org.uk/home-2/register-to-volunteer-2/>

Sedgeford Village Hall

By the time you read this the festive season will have passed and I hope that you all have been able to see friends and family with all the restrictions we have at this time. The hall committee continue to review the rules for keeping the hall open and hope that with our measures in place we can keep groups active in the New Year.

New lighting is being installed this month to make the areas around the hall safer when we have events during the winter months. The overflow car park and the path on the field side will be lit and operated from inside the hall. This means they will not be on all the time which the hall committee feel is important not to destroy the night sky.

The new car park bollards are in place near the hall. This will mean that people can use part of the car park every day to go and use the field facilities and walk their dogs. A new sign about NO overnight parking has been installed. If you see cars there all night let us know and we can then start to lock the barrier again. We hope that people will park responsibly so we can help get cars off the road in this area of the village.

Covid levels in the New Year will control what events we are allowed to plan but we do have another play booked for the 11th February and much further ahead the **Queens Platinum event on the 2nd June which will include live music, a hog roast and beacon lighting. The event's organisers have had written some dedicated music pieces for different instruments. There is a piece for bagpipes and another for a bugler or cornet player. If you know anyone who plays these instruments and they would like to be part of the celebrations please let us know.**

We will keep all hall users updated on the website and Facebook page. All these events help us as a charity to raise essential funds to keep the hall running and carry out essential repairs and updates. Finally, and no apology, the hall committee is small and needs more people to get involved. We meet once a month, so not a big commitment. If you think you can help in any way please get in touch. I know there are people in the village with ideas but without more help we cannot turn them into action. The committee want to do more than just do the cosmetics and safety checks. As volunteers we give as much time as we can but some feel we should deliver everything that is suggested to us but that is not the reality of the situation. If you are not a committee person but think you could head up a project group, source grants or lead an event then please get in touch. We have been asked why we do

not have groups for the children like cubs and brownies. The reason is simple we do not have the leaders to run the activities so again if you know someone who can please talk to us. The charity AGM will be on the 22nd February at 7pm. So please, please think hard and come and join the meeting and join our team

I hope that this year will bring better news for our health and wellbeing, things seem to be going in the right direction

John Ward

Chair Village Hall Committee

Live entertainment at Sedgeford Village Hall

The next play at Sedgeford Village Hall is on Saturday 12th February. Starts 7.30 pm and doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are £13 from Dave on 570097/07968596949. This is another production by the theatre company fEast who have put on some excellent plays in the past and *The Canada Boys* looks like another good one. See details below:

The Canada Boys

In 2012 and again in 2014 award-nominated fEast Theatre scored a major hit with their show *The Canada Boys*. Sell out performances across the region and in London helped to put this new company on the map and fEast was praised for 'bringing original and vibrant theatre to our region' EDP. Now by popular demand and with its original cast, Rob John's much-loved play sets off on its third regional tour.

The Canada Boys is based on the true story of a group of workers at J & J Colman. In 1912 the famous mustard company, concerned by rising unemployment in Norwich, offered some of its employees the opportunity of a new life on the other side of the Atlantic. 'The Canada Boys' is the story of two brothers who'd never ventured further west than Wymonham but who dared to imagine a new life for themselves in 'The British Dominion of Canada.'

Set in the shadow of The First World War this funny, sad and thought-provoking play resonates with Norfolk voices and locations and examines life in a world where 'things int fixed solid no more' and where change is coming...even to Norfolk. *The Canada Boys* is a play about ambition, love, duty, family and mustard.

Newsletter

We are still looking for someone to deliver the newsletter in Ringstead Road. Perhaps two of you could share. If you can help, please ring me on 579002. Thank you.

Sedgeford Church

Firstly, thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the foodbank during December – they were very much appreciated. We had a letter of thanks from James Munro who runs the foodbank which is on the table inside the church. We hope you will continue to bring in items for the foodbank not just food but baby items, including nappies, pet food and toiletries – thank you.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair. There were many Christmas Fairs in the area that day so we were delighted with the support we received and we made a fantastic £1,300.

This year we will be doing Open Gardens again (unfortunately with the Covid situation we have not done it for the past two years). This year will be our 40th year so we hope to make it special. It will take place on Sunday 29th May from 12 until 5 pm. If you would like to open your garden, please let me know (579002). If you are planting seeds or taking cuttings, please do a few extra to sell on our plant stall – always very popular. We shall also be running a Tombola stall, kindly organised by Carol Curry, so please put aside any items that could go on the stall or let Carol have them. We shall be dedicating the Open Gardens this year to Pat Fleming who organised the Open Gardens for many, many years. If you have any photographs of Pat and some of the activities she took part in, during her time in Sedgeford, please would you let me have them, putting your name and telephone number on the back with a description of the event. Also, any interesting stories so that we can put together an exhibition in the church. I will return them to you after the event.

Our Men's Breakfast has started up again and the next breakfast will be on Saturday 5th February in the church at 9 am. The speaker will be Mike Wade who will be talking about the "Lost villages of Norfolk". If you would like to come along and enjoy a good full English breakfast followed by an interesting talk you would be most welcome. Booking is essential on 579002.

Just a reminder that we have books and puzzles in the church which can be borrowed or bought. We could do with some more puzzles please as most of the ones in the church have been done.

many thanks.

Fitness Class,

Shelly has been trying hard to build the numbers at her class on a Wednesday morning. If you would like some exercise at your pace, even sitting on a chair, then give her a call or pop along to the village hall and join the small group who have been supporting since the class started. The class normally finishes in the King William for coffee and chat.

Wednesdays AM:

For the Young at Heart...laugh and sing along

Fitness Fun with Shelley...

Wednesday morning from 10.30am until 11.30am.

All exercises to music...work at your own pace!

Call Shelley on: 01485 533273 or just turn up!

Women's Friendship Group

Our Christmas party in December was very enjoyable filled with chat, booze and tasty food. 'You can do It' Food Fest was the topic of our January meeting. We had fun testing our kitchen skills. Tasks included peeling apples to see who go the longest skin. Picked up dried peas from an oiled bowl with chopsticks only using one hand. Icing buns with a tube of icing using your left hand if right handed or right hand if left handed. And the best of all was picking up marshmallows from the table with a spoon and placing them in a bowl, blindfolded. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th February at 7.30 pm at the village hall when Jane Nicholson will give a talk on 'FARA/Romania'. Friends are very welcome.

Subscriptions of £20 for the year are not required as we still have funds in hand from the lockdown period, but if you pay £4 for the occasional attendance you will still have to pay. New members will have to pay the subscription.

On behalf of all the ladies we would like to thank Helen and the committee for all their hard work over the past year for making our group so enjoyable and successful.

Maggie Burlton

Hunstanton Community Choir

The Hunstanton Community Choir are starting up again and are looking for new members. They meet on a Wednesday evening from 7 – 9 pm. Do come and join us at The Way Christian Fellowship Hall, Downs Close, Hunstanton PE36 5HU.

All are welcome

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021 in the "Sedgeford and District" was once again a challenge to organise. An indirect result of Covid was that many of our volunteers, some of whom have collected for many years, felt unable to commit to House-to-house collections this year. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in any way either distributing the poppies and tins or collecting in their area. Just over £4,000 was collected in the area and £625.69 in Sedgeford alone. All funds raised in the Poppy Appeal go to help service men and women and their families whether serving or veterans who find themselves in need of a helping hand. Thank you

Steve and Meghan Greef

The Arts Society

Our next lecture Monday 14 February in the village hall - **Great Tarts and Art: High Culture and the Oldest Profession.**

A mixture of art-historical analysis and scandalous anecdote, this lecture takes a generally light-hearted look at changing attitudes to sexual morality down the ages, by examining the portraits and careers of some of history's most notorious mistresses and courtesans. It also charts the rather complex and ambiguous attitudes of art and society towards the anonymous working girls at the lower end of the scale, investigating how they have been represented in art from the 17th to the 20th century.

Visitors are most welcome.

Contact Gerald Pepper - 01485 570755 to book a place.

Stanhoe and Barwick WI

We have a busy year ahead, with a fantastic line up of varied speakers. We'll be hearing tales of Hollywood Royalty, the history of Trinity House as well as being entertained by a classical singer.

On Thursday 3rd February, 2pm, our speaker will be from Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue.

Thursday March 3rd sees us partaking in some gentle, seated yoga with Jean Clarke.

Visitors are most welcome; please contact Valerie (01485 576261) for further details and to confirm your attendance.

Obituary

I am sad to report that Pat Fleming died on the 19th December. Pat lived in Sedgeford for over 40 years. Pat was very involved in Sedgeford life and was still helping out when she was 90. Pat was very involved in the church and was Churchwarden from 2004 until 2012 and was first involved in Open Gardens in 1986 which this year celebrates 40 years. Many people have fond memories of the pantomimes which Pat was heavily involved in through the Sedgeford Amateur Dramatics Society (SADS). Unfortunately, SADS has now disbanded due to lack of support but in its time brought people together and they all had a happy and enjoyable time. Pat also served on the Parish Council for over twenty years and was Chair for 8 years. Pat was one of the founder members of the Sedgeford WI plus a member of Anmer WI and was Head of Marketing for the Norfolk Federation of WIs for some time.

Pat was very artistic and a great cook. She was also a judge at some of the County Fairs in the area. Her talents were much appreciated at Flower Festivals, Fetes and all village celebrations.

Her funeral will take place at 12.15 on the 28th January at the Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Tapping House via the web site –

<https://patricia-fleming-1928-2021.muchloved.com>

If you cannot be there you can watch the service on the following which will be on line for 28 days:

Website <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: yewe2719

Password: 506437

Bagthorpe Snowdrop Walk

The Bagthorpe Snowdrop Walk will be taking place again this year under the National Gardens Scheme. Sunday 20th February from 11 am until 4 pm. There are refreshments including home-made soup.

Entrance: Adults £5 children free.

Bagthorpe Hall PE31 6QY – a delightful walk.

**Articles for the next newsletter
should be in by
Thursday 17th February**

WED 2nd FEBRUARY ~ CANDLEMAS

10:00am	SEDFEFORD	Candlemas Service	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 6th FEBRUARY

09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Dan Tansey
09:30am	BIRCHAM	Morning Prayer	Led by Congregation
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Dan Tansey
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 9th FEBRUARY

10:00am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 13th FEBRUARY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Neil C-J
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 20th FEBRUARY

09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by George Eve
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Bill Jacob
11:00am	STANHOE	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 23rd FEBRUARY

10:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 27th FEBRUARY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	SEDFEFORD	Hymn Service	Led by Peter Cook

WED 2nd MARCH ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion with Ashing	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 6th MARCH

09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Dan Tansey
09:30am	BIRCHAM	Morning Prayer	Led by Congregation
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Dan Tansey
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

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09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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11:00am	DOCKING	Family Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 20th MARCH

09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by George Eve
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Neil C-J
11:00am	STANHOE	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 23rd FEBRUARY

10:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 27th MARCH ~ MOTHERING SUNDAY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Dan Tansey
09:30am	SEDFEFORD	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook