



Sedgeford Village News

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Sedgeford Village Hall

SEDEGFORD COMMUNITY HOT SPOT

The **Hot Spot** for Sedgeford is still running **Tuesday to Friday between 11am and 1pm until the 31st March**. I would like to thank all those from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Church who have supported this by hosting each day. A special thank you must go to Sam and the King William staff for all their help in setting up, providing the soup and refreshments and being on hand each day. I am not sure whether grant funding will be available again for this sort of project but if it is we will certainly consider running it again.

Without the grant from the Communities Trust projects like this would not happen.

Upcoming Events at the Hall.

Saturday 29th April the first of the monthly farmers Markets run by Norfolk Farmers Markets. Expected time 9 am – 4 pm. We hope this will be a success and attract lots of visitors. If you know a company that would like to have a stall call Donna on 07464343211

Sunday 7th May – The Coronation fete and music event.

The committee are still working on the final details of this event but this is what we know so far. The event will open at 3pm and during the afternoon there will be live music entertainment from a folk duo. In the evening there is a professional musician coming to entertain us. The committee will be offering tea and cake refreshments for sale during the afternoon before having a BBQ with salads etc from about 6pm. Tickets for the BBQ will be £5 the same as we did for the platinum event last year. We will have a licenced bar on site which will operate in the afternoon and evening so people can purchase drinks. You will be very welcome to bring your own picnics and drink for the afternoon and evening so all can come together for this event. We hope to have some stalls and games to entertain as well as a bouncy castle (weather permitting). A face painter is booked to add to the fun for the children. If you would like to have a stall during the afternoon please get in touch, all offers welcomed.

The committee have decided to light the beacon again once it goes dark. There is no official beacon lighting this time, but it will be a nice end to the event. Sadly, possibly no pipers this time but other offers of instrumental playing welcomed.

We will use flyers, Facebook and posters to keep you up to date but of course all details will be on the hall website below.

Friday May 12th a play “The Rest of our Lives” will be performed at the village hall. This is part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival and we have been chosen as one of three village halls to host the play in Norfolk. Dave will as usual be sending out emails and using Facebook and the website for more details.

Visit the website <https://sedgefordvillagehall.co.uk> I look forward to seeing you at an event in the future. John Ward (Committee Chair) 01485 570504/
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Parish Council

Dog Fouling

Incidents of owners failing to pick up after their dogs are increasing, not only on the playing field but in a number of places around the village, on pavements, paths and verges. Dog excrement contains harmful types of microorganisms potentially pathogenic for humans. Bacteria that are pathogens for the intestinal tract and cause diarrhoea include *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella*, *Yersinia* and *E. coli*. There was a report that a resident's children were covered in dog faeces after slipping on the recreation ground whilst playing. The Parish Council spends a significant proportion of its precept on purchasing dog bins and paying the Borough Council to empty them. Wherever any dog owner is in the village, they are never more than a few hundred metres from a bin. Part of the responsibility of dog owners is to clear up after their dog. Owners are asked to be more considerate of their fellow villagers. If the situation does not improve, the Parish Council will have to consider further action, which could include stopping all dogs going onto the playing field.

Marsh Harriers

The village has been extremely lucky in having a mating pair of Marsh Harriers which have nested in the village over the last few years. They nest in the reed and sedge bed near the river. Last year they successfully bred 4 or 5 young. Unfortunately, there have been a number of instances where a drone has been flown near their habitat and the birds have been disturbed. Please refrain from flying drones in that area so that the birds can be left in peace and hopefully have another successful breeding season. SHARP were advised of the situation last year and will be reminded ahead of the digging season.

Scams

Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) have provided a leaflet on keeping safe from scams, which is provided with this newsletter.

Coronation mugs

The Parish Council would like to help the village celebrate the forthcoming King's coronation by offering to buy a commemorative mug for all children in the village under the age of 18 as at 6th May 2023. If you would like your child to receive one of these mugs, please contact the Clerk, Roger Quick at sedgeford.parish@outlook.com or **07598702826**, providing the child's name, address and age.

Clean-up to resume on A149

Following a fatal accident on the A11, all local authorities have been required to review their procedures for litter-picking verges, particularly on fast or high-traffic roads, to ensure the safety both of their staff and of other road users. Having now completed new risk assessments, the Borough Council clean-up team will resume clearing litter along the verges of the A149, starting with the Snettisham by-pass.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 19th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda and papers will be on the Parish Council website

<https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> a week beforehand. Members of the public are welcome to attend and to contribute during the public session at 7.00pm.
Sue Crump, Chair.
Roger Quick, Clerk.

Litter

A huge "thank you" to the people who have been cleaning up the roadsides in our Village. It has made such a difference.
Please remember to always take your litter home.

Sedgeford Church

Foodbank

Thank you for your gifts for the foodbank. The foodbank is low on stock at the moment, so if you can donate any items they would be very much appreciated. Also, we are coming up for Easter and if you can spare an Easter egg that would be well received. Any cheques can be made out to "Hunstanton and District Food Bank" – just leave in the box on the right of the church.

Lent collection

It's not too late to collect loose change for the Night Shelter. There are some jars in the church if needed and jars need to be returned by Easter Sunday.

Open Gardens

If you would like to open your garden on the 28th May please let me know as soon as possible. Also, hope you are planting up for our plant stall and hopefully the weather will start to warm up soon to give our seeds a boost!

We are also having a craft stall this year, so if you can contribute anything to this it would be gratefully received. Also, Carol is collecting items for the Tombola stall – 570926.

If you can help out on the day, I would love to hear from you.

Churchyard

We are having a working party in the churchyard on Wednesday 29th March from 9.30 am. It needs clearing of leaves, twigs and branches and a general tidy up. If you can help, please come with rakes etc. Coffee and biscuits for the workers.

Pam - 579002

The Arts Society

Our next lecture, presented by Colin Schindler on Monday 17th April at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2.00pm, is entitled *When the MGM Lion Roared: The Hollywood Studios*. Colin provides a helpful history of the studios from their early, tentative beginnings, through their full glory in the 1930s and 1940s, to their decline and dissolution in the 1950s and 1960s with the deaths of the founding movie moguls.

Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides lectures. For more information visit

www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Lesley Nadel on 07909 918890.

Women's Friendship Group

At our March meeting we had a presentation by Briony Bax on 'Saidia Children's Charity and Orphanage'. She talked about her work as a volunteer for the Saidia Children's Home in Gilgil Kenya. This home is sponsored by The Orphan Support League (USA), The Saidia Children's Charity (UK) and The Board of Saidia (Kenya). 100% of the money raised goes directly to the home. The home takes in new born babies, many of whom are found by the roadside and children up to the age of 18. The home has a capacity for 60 children and is maintained by professional staff and volunteers. The children also have to help out with the chores. There is also a farm attached to the home which is part maintained by the children. The charity also run a pre-school in the red-light district which accommodates children from mothers who work in the area.

The brightest children are sent to elite schools and the others attend local schools. When the children reach 18, the clever ones go to University and others go off to learn a trade.

It was Briony's aunt who set up the charity in 2007 and because of her, Briony started to volunteer and has been visiting Kenya for 16 years, helping out in many ways ever since and goes out at least once a year.

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th April, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. A presentation by Andrew England on "The Story of Dr Helen Ingleby of Sedgford Hall, one of the first lady Doctors.
Maggie Burlton

Stanhoe and Barwick WI

Thursday 6th April

Ruth Smith, with her hilarious tales of "Life with Nanny".

The Reading Room, Stanhoe. 2pm.

Visitors are most welcome; our charge is £5, which includes refreshments.

Please contact Valerie (01485 576261) for further details.

News from the King William

Coming up at the King William.

April 1st - Tapas & Wine evening
Special Tapas Menu & Bottle of wine offer

April 8th - Easter Saturday with Live Magic from 6pm

6th of May - Coronation Party with live music and BBQ

Pub quiz every Monday at 7pm

Sam O'Brien
Manager
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SUN 2nd APRIL ~ PALM SUNDAY

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

HOLY WEEK

MON 3rd	7.00pm	FRING	A Service of Compline
TUE 4th	7.00pm	SEDFORD	Seder Meal
WED 5th	7.00pm	DOCKING	Tenebrae Service
THU 6th	3.30pm	FRING	Pilgrim Cross
	7.00pm	STANHOE	Maundy Communion
FRI 7th	9.30am	BIRCHAM	Good Friday Service

SUN 9th APRIL ~ EASTER SUNDAY

09:30am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Neil C-J
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	STANHOE	Holy Communion	Led by Neil C-J
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 16th APRIL

09:30am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 23rd APRIL

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	SEDFORD	Hymn Service	Led by Peter Cook

WED 26th APRIL

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 30th APRIL

09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	SEDFORD	Group Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 7th MAY ~ CORONATION WEEKEND

09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	BIRCHAM	Group Service To Mark the Coronation	Led by Peter Cook

WED 10th MAY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 14th MAY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
1:00pm	SEDFORD	Picnic Lunch	
2:00pm	SEDFORD	Rogation Service	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 21st MAY

09:30am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
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 24th MAY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 28th MAY ~ PENTECOST

09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Group Service With Confirmations by the Bishop of Lynn	Led by Peter Cook

*** STAN METHODIST ~ Services held in the Methodist Chapel in Stanhoe**

