



Sedgeford Village News

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Sedgeford Village Hall News

A new year and a new group meeting at the village hall. We welcome the Martial Arts group that have booked the hall for two sessions a week. If you have any children or adults interested book your free trial class through www.toshiryu.co.uk/booking-form.

Sadly, an old problem has come back, dog fouling on the field. On a recent weekly check 24 deposits were found on the field. This is a great concern to the committee from a health aspect as more people use the field, children enjoy their football others just the place to walk and exercise. The committee are in discussion with the Parish Council about how we move forward with this. We have placed a dog bag dispenser on the end wall of the hall, the bags are being taken so we do not understand the level of mess on the field. The committee appreciate that people do drive to the hall and use the facility so it's not all village people, but I am sure you can appreciate that things have to improve.

The next committee meeting which will be our AGM will be on Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. We need to find new committee members to come and join the team so if you can spare one evening a month for a meeting then please come along. Come and meet the committee and see how we operate.

Next events at the hall will be a return of the RACE NIGHT on Friday 16th February.

Following a great night last year presented by Mr Woolley the races will begin at 7.30. The tickets for this event will be £5 per person. It's a bring your own drinks and snacks and a bag of pound coins for your £1 bets on the races. See booking details after the play advert.

Come and enjoy a night at the races.

The Hollyhock Trilogy - Thursday 7th March - 7.00 for 7.30pm. Live drama back on stage at Sedgeford. fEAST Theatre.

fEAST Theatre one of the region's leading touring theatre companies will be bringing a brand-new show to venues across Norfolk in February and March.

Written by Rob John (The Canada Boys / Rosa Mendoza), The Hollyhock Trilogy presents three strange but poignant love stories.

A woman reveals an unrequited passion for her postman, an aging trapeze artist dreams of the beautiful woman who dropped him and a chance remark about hollyhocks changes the lives of two strangers for ever.

'We want to take our audience on three separate but connected journeys,' says Rob John. 'This is a show about people in love but it's also a show about story-telling; the magic of sitting down in a darkened room and listening to a story.' Starring Owen Evans (The Nimmo Twins) and Dawn Finnerty (The Canada Boys / Rosa Mendoza) fEAST Theatre promises that 'these darkly funny tales of loneliness and lust are guaranteed to warm the coldest winter evening.'

Please book now, these events will soon be with us!

Payment online for one, or both events... would be helpful but it's entirely up to you, cash or a cheque is fine...online payment details below...tickets are £12.00

Barclays, Account no. :50240400 Sort code: 20/67/37 (David Carter)

Alternatively, if you'd prefer to pay by cheque, please make payable to:

Sedgeford Village Hall and send to D. Carter, 17 Mill View, PE36 5NR

You can pay Cash on the Door...but please let me know you'll be coming, audience numbers are on the rise.

The hall has suffered some vandalism this year, so the committee are looking into adding some CCTV to try and keep the area safe. We have increased lighting, but this has not deterred people ripping the hall sign from the gate area and bending over the barriers that protect the field. If you see any suspicious behaviour, please let us know as all this action must be paid for.

Dave Carter has a full season of plays and music events planned for the year, hopefully something to suit everyone. A new venture we

hope will be an outside theatre production later in the year, a play in the park with a picnic. The committee hopes to light the Beacon again for the 80th Anniversary of D Day on the 6th June 2024, details will follow.

John Ward

Chair

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Sedgeford Church

Hunstanton Food Bank

Firstly, a huge 'thank you' for all the generous contributions for the Hunstanton Foodbank in the run up to Christmas. We took several loads to the Foodbank and a special thank you for the lovely teddy bear which made a little girl very happy. Also, the lovely Advent Calendars were much appreciated.

Please keep items coming as they are very much needed and appreciated.

Baby Basics

Also, a big 'thank you' for the lovely items we took to Baby Basics. Items can be left in the Baby Basics box just inside the church. Items should be for newly born babies but also toiletries and necessary items for Mum are also most welcome.

Clothes for new born babies can also be given providing they are clean and in good condition.

Open Gardens

Our Open Gardens this year will be on Sunday 26th May from 12 until 5 pm. This will be our 44th year. Last year was a really lovely day in the village with lots of visitors, some who come every year and bring their friends. Please would you let me know if you are able to open your garden this year as soon as possible. Also, if you are new to the village and would like more information, please give me a ring on 579002/07747126079 or email pamgoddard@btinternet.com. We would love to hear from you.

RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre PE31 6RH

The above Heritage Centre will open on Easter Sunday – 31st March from 10 am- 4 pm. Further opening times throughout the year can be seen on the notice board outside Sedgeford Church.

Parish Council

Village Litter Pick – A litter pick is planned for Saturday 3rd February, weather permitting. We'd like as many people as possible to take part in making the village a cleaner place in which to live. The Borough Council are providing litter "packs" which contain fluorescent jackets, litter pickers and bin liners. Please meet at the village hall at 10.00 so that we can co-ordinate covering all areas of the village. **Free refreshments** will be available afterwards at the hall for all volunteers.

The old railway line from Ringstead Road towards Docking will reopen to the public from 1st February. The land-owner has kindly agreed that people are welcome to walk the path until the 30th September with dogs on a lead. Your cooperation in observing this guidance is much appreciated.

Former School. Parish Councillors attended a meeting with Borough Council planning and housing officers on 11th January, to discuss the former school site and affordable / social housing in general. The officers advised us that the standard agreement when existing sites are developed is that 20% of the housing must be affordable. The Council is waiting for further information from Repton Homes regarding the submission of their planning application for the site.

Footpath Wardens. We are looking for a few more volunteers to join a small team of footpath wardens. Between them, they would check the state of footpaths and rights of way within the parish boundary regularly, reporting any issues to the team leader or directly to the appropriate authority. If this interests you, please contact Roger Quick on 07598 702826 or by email to sedgeford.parish@outlook.com.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be on Wednesday 21st February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda and papers will be on the Parish Council noticeboard and website <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> a week beforehand. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Sue Crump, Chair.

Roger Quick, Clerk.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

We are all aware of the problem with speeding drivers travelling through the village.

To attempt to educate these drivers that speeding is both dangerous and socially unacceptable, Sedgeford operates a thriving Community Speed Watch Team, supporting the work of the Norfolk Constabulary Safety Camera Partnership.

We are keen to enlist the help of more volunteers to undertake this valuable work – it is not onerous and would typically require a commitment of around one hour per month to take part in a speed monitoring session.

Training and observation would be provided by the existing team.

There is a simple application process to go through and if you are interested in joining the Team please send your details to me at - email – jpgygs72@gmail.com or to the Parish Clerk – Roger Quick at sedgeford.parish@outlook.com - we can then get the necessary forms to you. Come and join us and help make Sedgeford a safer village.

John Palmer

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Apologies for the lateness of this report. Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023, those who helped with the distribution of Poppies and those who donated to the appeal. Without you the RBL would not be able to help as many Veterans and British Forces Family members. The Sedgeford and District Branch raised in total £3,550, including £462 from Sedgeford. This is the last year that Steve and myself will be organising the Poppy Appeal but we have a new volunteer who is willing carry on the good work. If you would like to help with the Poppy Appeal in 2024 by distributing the poppy boxes or to help with the Poppy Appeal in 2024 etc. please let me know and I will pass your name to our coordinator. Thank you once again Megan Greef - rbl.smgreef@gmail.com

Women's Friendship Group

Our Christmas party in December was well attended and a great success. Thank you to Helen for being our hostess. We had a generous collection for the Bandarawela Children's Charity in Sri Lanka and Janet Bishop delivered it when she returned to Sri Lanka in December. Thank you all for donating. If you have not paid your subscription for 2024, it is £20 for the year or £4 for each individual meeting attended.

At our January meeting, retired local vet John McCaig recalled tales of his life as a vet. He qualified as a vet in 1959 and obviously treatment for animals in those days was fairly primitive compared to today. He spent a great deal of time travelling from one appointment to the next. Syringes were boiled needles sharpened on a stone. Epsom salts and aspirin were used a lot. He told us some humorous tales about pigs, cats and a budgerigar. He asked that his fee be donated to the charity 'Farms for City Children'.

A big thank you from everyone to Helen and the committee for all their hard work in making our Women's Group so enjoyable and successful. **Next meeting: Wednesday 14th February at 7.30 pm at the village hall.** Talk is 'Norfolk Blood Bikes' with presentation by Sandy Gourlay.

Maggie Burlton

The Arts Society

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Kirsty Hartsiotis on Monday 12th February at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm, is entitled *Arts and Crafts in Stained Glass in English Churches*. It will focus on Brockhampton, Herefordshire.

Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org. The Arts Society UK or ring Lesley Nadel on 07909 918890.

Newsletter Delivery

We urgently need someone to deliver the newsletters in Fring Lane. There are only 15 houses to deliver to once a month. Please contact me if you can help (579002). Thanks.

Letter from Janet Bishop

Janet lives part of her year in Sedgeford and Part in Sri Lanka. Janet gave a talk recently at the Women's Friendship group and we asked her to send regular letters to include in the newsletter.

Letter from Sri Lanka No 1

I am writing this on Christmas Day. It's 6.30 in the evening and a very pleasant 29 Celsius. I live in Negombo, a bustling town on the west coast of the island about 30 miles north of the capital Colombo. The population is 22,00 and is an eclectic mix of cultures. Nicknamed 'Little Rome' there are over 65 churches in and around the town, several Buddhist temples, Hindu kovils and mosques.

Last night I attended Midnight Mass at my local village church, St Francis de Sales. A congregation of more than 2,000 filled the church and then chairs and benches gradually filled the spaces between the coconut palms in the 2 acres of the church's land. Whole families, sometimes 4 or 5 generations all come and sit together. The little girls in their best party frocks, frilly white socks and sparkly shoes; the boys scrubbed clean and fidgeting in their white shirts, long trousers and shoes all sit with their families, while the older girls and boys group together if they can and parade around the grounds. It is a night to be seen in your new finery.

The sermon was interrupted at midnight by a huge cacophony of bangers and fireworks from neighbouring properties heralding in Christmas Day. The noise continuing for most of the night and today.

Some of the bigger churches in the nearby villages will have had congregations in excess of 4,000. Christmas officially ended at 12 noon today but tonight everybody is out on the streets, in cafes or on the beach partying. Sri Lanka is officially a Buddhist country so today has not been a public holiday. In Negombo the fishermen have not been out and some of the business owned and run by Catholics have been closed.

Tomorrow (or next day) is a Poya Day. These are the full moon holy days every month and are all public holidays, no alcohol can be bought or consumed outdoors. The Buddhist temples will be decked out with pretty lights and

thousands of people go to worship, some for the whole day, some just in the evening to see the moon rise.

This time of year, is start of a long list of holy festivals celebrated by the mixture of cultures here.

Stanhoe and Barwick WI

Thursday 1st February Penny Simmonds introduces Reflexology.

Thursday 7th March Kate Craven from Hunstanton RNLI

The Reading Room, Stanhoe. 2pm.

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

Please contact Valerie (01485 576261) for further details.

Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall

The community cinema at the Burnham Market village hall continues in February 2024 with one show. The film dates for your diary are: Wednesday 7th 2.30pm.

National Velvet (1944) A jaded former jockey helps a young girl prepare a wild but gifted horse for England's Grand National Sweepstakes, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Mickey Rooney.

Wednesday 21st February 7pm.

A Haunting In Venice (2023) Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a seance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. He soon gets thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets when one of the guests is murdered. The latest Agatha Christie Murder Mystery with Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot.

Certificate PG13

£5 on the door or please contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604. You can also view the information of our website:

www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk

Items for the next newsletter should be in by

22nd February 2024

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2024 & MARCH 2024

SUN 4th FEBRUARY ~ CANDLEMAS

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
4:00pm	BIRCHAM NEWTON	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 11th FEBRUARY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	SEDFORD	Morning Prayer	Led by the Congregation
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	*STAN METHODIST	Morning Service	Led by the Congregation
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Communion	Led by Peter Cook

WED 14th FEBRUARY ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 18th FEBRUARY

09:30am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	STANHOE	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
4:00pm	DOCKING	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 25th FEBRUARY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	*STAN METHODIST	Morning Service	Led by the Congregation
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	SEDFORD	Hymn Service	Led by Peter Cook

WED 28th FEBRUARY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 3rd MARCH

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
4:00pm	BIRCHAM NEWTON	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 10th MARCH ~ MOTHERING SUNDAY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	SEDFORD	Morning Prayer	Led by the Congregation
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	*STAN METHODIST	Morning Service	Led by the Congregation
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook

WED 13th MARCH

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 17th MARCH ~ PASSION SUNDAY

09:30am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Holy Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	STANHOE	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
4:00pm	DOCKING	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 24th MARCH ~ PALM SUNDAY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	*STAN METHODIST	Morning Service	Led by the Congregation
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	SEDFORD	Hymn Service	Led by Peter Cook

HOLY WEEK

MON 25th	7.00pm	FRING	A Service of Compline
TUE 26th	7.00pm	SEDFORD	Seder Meal
WED 27th	10.00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	DOCKING	Tenebrae Service
THU 28th	3.30pm	FRING	Pilgrim Cross
	7.00pm	STANHOE	Maundy Communion
FRI 29th	9.30am	BIRCHAM	Good Friday Service

SUN 31st MARCH ~ EASTER SUNDAY

09:30am	SEDFORD	Easter Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Easter Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Easter Communion	Led by Peter Cook
11:00am	STANHOE	Easter Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	*STAN METHODIST	Easter Service	Led by the Congregation
3:30pm	BIRCHAM	Easter Communion	Led by Peter Cook

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