



Sedgeford Village News

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Parish Council

Beat Your Bills - Unfortunately, the cost of living crisis isn't going away any time soon and as a result the Borough Council have set up the 'Beat Your Bills' initiative, designed to assist households across the district with the cost of living. Representatives from the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk will be at Sedgeford Village Hall on Monday 29/04/2024 between 10:00-13:00. Assistance will be available to residents relating to grant support, benefit entitlement, social isolation and fuel poverty support. This is a drop in event so you can come and ask questions any time between 10.00 and 13.00.

Trees and hedgerows – As part of the Forestry Commission granting a licence to fell trees by the river just past the footbridge from the Church, replacement trees were to be planted within two years. It is now three years since the felling. The Forestry Commission has advised the Clerk that the landowners' agents will be organising this replanting in 2025. Replacement 'whips' and young trees donated by the Woodland Trust have now been planted on the green space at Jarvie Close and the area around them trimmed so they have a better chance to grow. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the planting.

Inmere Track – Norfolk County Council has confirmed that the track from Snettisham Road towards Inmere is designated a 'maintained unsurfaced road' and not a public bridleway. This means that vehicles, including cars and motorbikes, can use the track if appropriately licenced and insured. They should ride with due care and attention, mindful that it is also used by pedestrians and horse-riders.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be on **Wednesday 17th April** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda and papers for the meeting will be on the Parish Council noticeboard and website <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/> a week beforehand. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Sue Crump, Chair, Roger Quick, Clerk

Sedgeford Village Hall News

The village hall committee in partnership with the Parish Council have been able to bid for funds to make some improvements to the hall. We will be making some improvements at the entrance to the car park that has some nasty potholes. There will be a new hard surface access onto the field making it better for parking. CCTV is going to be installed around the hall to boost the security at the hall and surrounding area. Grant money really helps us to be able to keep on top of the upkeep of the hall and grounds.

For our next event see the advert below.

A date for your diary is the **Thursday 6th June 2024**. We will be celebrating the **80th**

Anniversary of the D-Day landings with a 40's group performing and lighting the beacon at 9.15 as part of the national trail. We want to make this event as accessible to all so costs will be kept to a minimum. It is hoped to have the BBQ out for hog dogs. Please save the date and come and enjoy a good evening at the hall. More details next month.

If you want to hire the hall for a special occasion, please contact me.

John Ward

Chair

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And now for something completely different...I have never seen them perform but in the interests of diversity I thought we might give it a go. Chanter's Jigge are Malcolm and Elizabeth and they play a wide range of traditional and modern musical instruments. It is therefore very likely to be an evening of traditional English song and dance, There will be no maypole but please feel free to wear a thick wooly jumper and yokel type felt hat! Starting time as usual 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We will be setting out tables and chairs, so if you wish, please bring a picnic and something alcoholic.

Tickets are £10.00. Ring Dave 01485 570097

Sedgeford Church

Open Gardens

Open Gardens on the 26th May is fast approaching and we are hoping for another lovely day. There will be 10 lovely gardens to look round plus lunches in the church from 12 until 2 pm and then afternoon teas from 2.30 until 5 pm.

Live music by Panama will be in the church from 12 until 3 pm.

If you can help in the church with lunches, teas or stalls on the day or help with putting up posters and signs please give me a ring on 579002 – your help will be much appreciated.

We would welcome plants and cakes to sell on the day plus cakes for our afternoon teas.

Also, paperback books and puzzles would be most welcome.

If you can help in any way please give me a ring.

Thank you.

Hunstanton Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the foodbank – much appreciated and please keep them coming.

Baby Basics

We continue help with Baby Basics and if you can donate or help in any way please leave items in the box in the church. I list below items that are required which should be for newborn to 3 months.

Moses basket sheets, Nappies (size 1), Baby wipes, Maternity pads, breast pads, baby shampoo, wash, lotion and oil, baby sponges, baby towels and hooded towels, cellular blankets, knitted blankets, scratch mittens.

Newborn and 0-3 clothing (like new and fully laundered), baby socks, suitable toy.

For Mum – Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste + a gift for mum.

If anyone has any thick knitting wool in white, blue or pink they would like to donate – can be used for making blankets – please leave in the box provided.

With very many thanks.

Pam

Women's Friendship Group

At our March meeting Adrian Eden gave us an interesting talk about his 'By the Book' bookshop in Hunstanton which he opened in the summer of 2022. This was a new venture for Adrian who had previously been in the music and entertainment industry for 20 years and then retail and management.

Although his shop sells a wide range of Fiction, Non-Fiction and Children's books, he also sells walking maps, guides and tide-tables. He specialises in the genre of Biblio Murder Mystery books. He stocks many murder mystery books from local crime writers and has a huge enthusiasm for them.

He and his wife hold many murder mystery events which are proving very popular.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 10th April, 7.30 pm**

Village Hall. Review and news for SHARP 2024 by Dr Ellie Blakelock (**Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project**).

Maggie Burlton

The Arts Society

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Douglas Skeggs on Monday 8th April at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm, is entitled *Michelangelo: "A Troubled Genius"*. A fascinating talk about this artistic genius, who was both tormented and pursued by his ambition. **Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. Try us out as a visitor for £5.00. For more information visit www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Lesley Nadel on 07909 918890**

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 6th April at 9 am in Sedgeford Church.

Booking is essential on 01485/07747 126079.

The speaker is Mike Kentzer who will be talking about 'Stories from my Collection'

Letter from Sri Lanka No 3

One of the world's iconic train journeys is from Colombo to Badulla. Only 83 miles as the crow flies, in reality it is almost 182 miles as the line meanders its way across the central hills taking best part of 12 hours for the whole journey.

Currently 2nd class fare is less than £2.50.

Leaving Colombo Fort Station at 08.30 and reaching its top speed of 50 mph the train crosses through flat paddy fields, towns and villages before beginning the steep climb into the hills and the old city of Kandy.

The landscape now changes dramatically, luxuriant tree lined slopes are cut through by deep, rocky ravines with waterfalls cascading down into streams at the bottom. Top speed drops to 20 mph as the single-track winds ever upwards to Pattipola the highest station at 6,204 feet above sea level.

The scenery alters as the hills, cleared of trees, are the verdant green of the vast up-country tea estates. Corrugated iron roofs cover the little shacks that huddle together at intervals as tea estate workers' villages.

Nearing Nuwara Eliya are the terraced fields of the market gardens which grow the bulk of the vegetables for the island in the slightly cooler, moist air.

More tea estates, jungle and vast vistas across the hazy mountains then suddenly it all changes again as the track plunges through forests of huge trees, teak, iron wood, eucalyptus and pine all growing 100-120 feet tall up the slopes. The air is now cooler and late in the afternoon the clouds are descending.

Large numbers of tourists get off the train in the popular hill town of Ella to climb Little Adam's Peak or Ella Rock. After Ella is the famous Nine Arch Bridge, crowds of tourists stand by the track waving and taking photographs.

Demodara is the next station, built during colonial times to transport tea from the region to Colombo. When this section of the line was being built it presented a major problem for the engineers. The maximum inclination allowed by the Ceylon Government Railway was 1 foot per 44 feet, this proved impossible to work out in the slopes of Demodara. Finally, a solution was found in the guise of the Demodara Loop.

The line travels around a spiral loop beneath itself and appears out of a tunnel precisely underneath the station. It is the only spiral loop in the world where the tunnel lies under the station.

At long last the train arrives at the end of the line in Badulla

Janet Bishop

Burnham Market Cinema

Wednesday 3rd April 2.30pm.

The Hundred Foot Journey (2010) starring Helen Mirren from a novel by Morais. The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery

Certificate PG

Running time 122 minutes

Wednesday 17th April 7 pm

The French Lieutenants Woman (1981)

starring Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons from the novel by John Fowles with screenplay by Harold Pinter. Anna (Meryl Streep) and Mike (Jeremy Irons) portray two characters in a film set in 19th century England who fall in love.

Certificate 15

Running time 119 minutes

£5 on the door or contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604

Annual Poppy Appeal

If you can help in any way with the Poppy Appeal please contact Lyn Hatch - 07795 426529

POPPEY APPEAL ORGANISER

Volunteer Vacancies for :
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Joint Poppy Appeal Organiser and
Deputy Poppy Appeal Organiser

Keep the Poppy going in Sedgeford and District

Make a difference
For an informal chat about the roles, please contact the
RBL's Norfolk Poppy Appeal Manager

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Thank you.

Items for the next newsletter should be in by:
18th April 2024

SUN 7th 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
4:00pm	BIRCHAM NEWTON	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 10th APRIL

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

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

SUN 21st APRIL

09:30am	SEDFORD	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	BIRCHAM	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 24th APRIL

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 28th APRIL

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

SUN 5th 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 Peter Cook
4:00pm	BIRCHAM NEWTON	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook
6:00pm	STANHOE	Evening Prayer	Led by Peter Cook

WED 8th MAY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion for Ascension Day	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 12th MAY

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

SUN 19th MAY ~ PENTECOST

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

WED 22nd MAY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 26th MAY

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Morning Prayer	Led by KC & GE
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook

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