



Sedgeford Village News

November/December 2024

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Village Hall News December 2024

Thanks to those that responded re a taster session on the carpet bowls. We will arrange a date in January and let people know. We have received some interest from Heacham so hopefully we will get a good turnout.

Dave is working hard on entertainment, and we are almost sold out of tickets when Rain and Shine return on Saturday 14th December 7pm after their summer outdoor theatre to entertain us again with Murder Most Wilde.

There will be a Valentine Race Meeting at the hall on February 14th led by Kevin Woolley, I am sure we are in for another entertaining evening. A very early date for the diary, the hall committee will be holding a beacon lighting event for **VE day 80 on the 8th May 2025**. This is another National event which we will be joining in with. Hope you can us for a community event. We are delighted to have booked the Kings Lynn Town Band for this event so lots of popular tunes across the years will be played.

We hope to get the new notice board up in early December next to the Parish and Footpath boards near the King William. We want this to be a community board where anyone can advertise events, items for sale or promote your trade. Once it's up you can get your items up by placing them through my door at Wychwood which is three doors passed the pub towards Heacham with a wall in front.

We are a small committee and look to welcoming new people to join us. We meet once a month for a meeting and the same for a maintenance session at the hall. If you would like to come along, please contact me.

The committee wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you to events in the new year.

John Ward Chair

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Sedgeford Church

Christmas Services

We have our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies – hope you can join us.

Carols round the Village

We shall be holding our annual Carols round the village on Friday 20th December. If you would like to join us, we start at the War Memorial at 6 pm. This year we are collecting for Myeloma UK.

Baby Basics

A big “thank you” to everyone who has donated items for Baby Basics. Over the past year you have made and donated some lovely things for new born babies and their mums.

We received the following note recently:

“To you all at Sedgeford Church
Thank you all for the recent donations. It was really kind of you and much appreciated. Thank you also for your continued support. It means a lot to us, as we are able to help those who desperately need it. Sometimes it is all that they have for their baby. Thank you all once again.
With love from all at Baby Basics. xx”

Just a reminder that items should only be for 0-3 months plus toiletries for mum.

At the moment they particularly want Baby Grows, socks/booties and shampoo and conditioner for mum as well as all the lovely things you have been donating so far.

Hunstanton Foodbank

We are still collecting for the foodbank and as Christmas approaches, we would ask if you can think of some special gifts at this time – they are always very much appreciated. Last year someone kindly donated a lovely teddy bear and it made a little girl very happy plus all the sweets, chocolates and biscuits and all the normal everyday products.

A really big “thank you” to you all.

Poppies

A huge “thank you” to everyone who knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday. They looked lovely as you entered the church.

Parish Council Nov-Dec 2024

Bus timetable. Lynx has announced some changes to their schedules from early December, so please check the time of your bus before setting out for the bus stop. You should be able to find the details on their website -

<https://www.lynxbus.co.uk/bus-routes/33-33a/>

December meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th December** at 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

The Arts Society

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Margaret Watson on Monday 9th December 2024 at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2:00pm, is entitled Harp and Holly. We hear of the history of the harp and enjoy some seasonal music on Margaret's harp. Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Gerald Pepper on 07831 586940.

Sedgeford Village Hall Entertainment

Our next play at the village hall is

Murder Most Wilde from the Rain or Shine Theatre Company (very) loosely based on Lord Arthur Savile's Crime on the 14th December.

Tickets are £15.00 and can be paid for online: Barclays Acc.No. - 40519138 - Sort Code - 20/46/65 (account name: 'Sedgeford Village') Alternatively, you can pay by cheque made payable to: Sedgford Village Hall - and send to: D. Carter, 17 Mill View, Sedgford, PE36 5NR.

If you have any queries, please give me a call on: 01485 570097 or 07968 596949 or by [email: carter615@btinternet.com](mailto:carter615@btinternet.com)

Tickets are going very quickly. This Theatre Company is the one that did the open air production of 'The Importance of Being Ernest' in the summer which had rave reviews. Look forward to seeing you on the night...doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 kick off!

Dave (Carter)

Women's Friendship Group

At our November meeting John Keyte, a volunteer from the Maritime Heritage Museum in Stiffkey, gave us a very interesting talk with slides about the history, restoration and building of wooden boats. The museum was started 11 years ago by four people. The boatyard renovates crab and whelker boats and there are less than sixty that survive today.

One famous boat that has been restored is the Lucy Lavers. It was built in 1939 and restoration started in 2013 at David Hewitt's boatyard in Siffkey. It ran many journeys to Dunkirk during the war and is now used for tourist trips. It was launched in April 2015 by the Bishop of Lynn and Anneka Rice. The boatyard has now acquired another four boats (crab and whelker) for restoration. The Maritime Museum is open 11 am – 4 pm Easter to end of October on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

Next meeting: Christmas Party, Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 pm at Helen's house. Please bring a plate of finger food – sweet or savoury.

This is my last article for the Women's Friendship Group as I am retiring after 21 years of service doing the job.

Maggie Burlton

Thank you

Maggie Burlton has decided to retire at the end of the year after more than 20 years as our volunteer reporter to the Sedgford Newsletter.

On behalf of our committee and members I would like to say a big thank you to Maggie for all the hundreds of reports she has written for us.

The reporting will continue but it will take 2 or 3 volunteers to fill Maggie's shoes.

Helen Cummings (chair of SWFG)

Letter from Sri Lanka No: 7

One of the most visited sites in Sri Lanka is Sigiriya – The Lion Rock. It is in the centre of the island towering over 200 metres above the surrounding jungle.

It was formed from magma from an extinct volcano and there are signs of habitation there more than five thousand years old.

According to legend in 477AD King Dhatusena was killed by one of his sons, Kasyapa, and the rightful heir, Prince Moggallana fled for his life. King Kasayapa fearful of Moggallana returning and reclaiming the throne chose the rock for his new capital, building a palace and fortress on the flat top and landscaping the gardens around the base. The western face of the rock was covered in frescoes, now only two remain. There is a Mirror Wall built and the plaster highly polished so that the King could see himself as he walked along.

After eighteen years Prince Moggallana returned at the head of an army to claim the throne. King Kasayapa came down from the rock to do battle. Folklore tells that the king's battle elephant suddenly changed course, the army misinterpreted this and thinking the king was retreating left him to his fate. Being too proud to surrender he took his own life by falling on his sword.

In 1831 a British Army officer, Major Jonathan Forbes discovered the abandoned site.

Antiquarians started investigating and in 1982 the Cultural Triangle Project was launched, and archaeological work started in earnest. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

There are 1,200 steps to the top climbing on a metal stairway pegged into the rock's side.

About halfway up are the remains of a towering figure of a lion whose open mouth was the main entrance to the stairway leading to the top.

Newsletter

There will be a short newsletter going out in the middle of December.

If you would like to send any Christmas messages, please let me have them by Wednesday 11th December as well as the normal news.

SUN 1st DECEMBER ~ ADVENT SUNDAY

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 8th DECEMBER

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

WED 11th DECEMBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 15th DECEMBER

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	Carol Service	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 22nd DECEMBER

09:30am	BIRCHAM	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
11:00am	DOCKING	Family Service	Led by Peter Cook
3:30pm	FRING	Carol Service	Led by Richard Collier
6:00pm	SEDFORD	Carol Service	Led by Peter Cook

TUE 24th DECEMBER ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

09:30am	SEDFORD	Christmas Communion	Led by Peter Cook
3:00pm	DOCKING	Christingle	Led by Peter Cook
5:00pm	BAGTHORPE	Candlelit Carols	Led by Peter Cook
9:30pm	BIRCHAM	Midnight Communion	Led by Peter Cook

WED 25th DECEMBER ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

09:30am	STANHOE	Christmas Communion	Led by Peter Cook
09:30am	FRING	Christmas Communion	Led by Richard Collier
11:00am	DOCKING	Christmas Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 29th DECEMBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Group Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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***STAN METHODIST ~ Services held in the Methodist Chapel in Stanhoe**

SUN 5th JANUARY ~ EPIPHANY

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 JANUARY

10:00am	SEDFORD	Holy Communion	Led by Peter Cook
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SUN 12th JANUARY

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	DOCKING	Family Communion	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 19th JANUARY

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 JANUARY

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

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