



# Sedgeford Village News

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## Parish Council July/Aug 2026

**Anglian Water.** The Parish Council has sent a strongly-worded letter to Anglian Water, in support of the many residents who have been so severely affected by water outages and low pressure this summer. The letter details the sequence of events from 24 May, including attempts to contact Anglian Water, the different responses received and the effects of outages and low pressure, especially in and around Jarvie Close. Parish Councillors are seeking answers to a list of questions, particularly asking for a long-term solution rather than a reactive, incident-by-incident response. The full text will be in the minutes of the July meeting. MP James Wild has given his support to this request for action.

**Website advertisements** - If you supply a service or run a business based in Sedgeford and would like an advertisement on the website [sedgeford.org.uk](http://sedgeford.org.uk), please email Cllr Miller at [kevin.miller@sedgefordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.miller@sedgefordparishcouncil.gov.uk) for details.

**Cemetery** - The Parish Council manages the eastern half of the parish cemetery on the B1454, covering burials since the 1960s. The Council provides people with the opportunity to **purchase Exclusive Rights of Burial. This enables some of the cost of a funeral/burial, to be paid for in advance, at today's cost, rather than paying an increased cost at the time of death.** A Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial is issued by the Council in respect of every Exclusive Right purchased. The Deed grants the buyer the right to be buried in a designated grave, perhaps close to deceased family. **If you want to fix some of your burial costs at 2026 rates, act now as fees will rise in 2027.** To find out more, please contact the clerk at [clerk@sedgefordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sedgefordparishcouncil.gov.uk) or on 07598 702826.

During the annual headstone check it was discovered that three headstones were no longer firmly attached to their plinths. There appear to be vertical rods in place but any adhesive/cement is no longer evident. The result is that the headstones wobble when touched. Although this would not appear to be an immediate health and safety issue, the Parish Council would like these headstones to be repaired before the issue becomes any worse. Unfortunately the Council has no contact details for the families of the deceased. We would be grateful if family members of the following deceased could contact the Clerk: **James Robert DIX** (Died March 1981); **Eric Gordon WRIGHT** (Died October 1979); **Wayne Richard SHEPPARD** (Died March 1998)

**Hedges** - Now that the bird nesting season is coming towards an end, would all residents and/or owners of properties in the village which border pavements or footpaths please ensure that any foliage from their property does not impede pedestrian access to these pavements or footpaths. This includes at the base of hedges and over the top of fences and walls, so that the full width of the pavement is available to pedestrians. Please also trim any hedges that are likely to affect visibility for car drivers coming into or out of properties or turning at junctions. Please take care not to disturb any late nesting birds. Your assistance will be very much appreciated by your fellow villagers.

**September Meeting.** The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The agenda and papers will be on the noticeboard and on the Parish Council website <https://sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> a week beforehand. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and to contribute during the public session.

Sue Crump, Chair.

Roger Quick, Clerk.

## **Sedgeford Village Hall News**

The outdoor theatre was a great success despite a very chilly night on the field. Thanks to all who supported the event. The committee can now take a well-deserved few weeks break before we start planning our next event.

We have a play booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> of **October** called "George and the Drag Queen" which we look forward to.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December** A Christmas Party night with the return of two acts a folk Duo and Graham McGrotty a singer and guitar player. More details on this will follow.

Details of the above events will be found in the newsletter and online.

With the better weather and school holidays more people using the field can we please ask that dog owners please **pick up**. We still experience a higher level of fouling than we should, especially as we provide the bags and bins. Let us keep our field a safe place for all to enjoy and not expect somebody else to clean up after your dog.

John Ward

Chair

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## **Sedgeford Church**

Just a reminder that our special service of "1946 what happened next" is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am. Unfortunately, we are unable to use the church at the moment so the service will be held in Sedgeford Village Hall.

It will be a similar service to last year with the Hunstanton Concert Band involved in the service, and then some drinks and nibbles, followed by a sing-a-long.

Hope you can join us.

## **Women's Friendship Group 2026**

Our meeting on the 8th July was our Summer outing. We treated ourselves to afternoon tea at Caley Hall Hotel, Old Hunstanton. There were a variety of goodies to be had: mini sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini tartlets, scones, jam and cream plus a variety of other cakes and strawberry mouse. The tea and coffee kept flowing as did the conversation! The service was excellent where we were very well attended to by the Caley Hall staff. Thank you to Helen Cummings for organising that for our group.

There is no meeting for August. We will meet again in September.

Diana Hallford

The events programme for 2026 is available. Membership remains at just £20 a year or £4 per meeting for visitors. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in Sedgeford Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September and the talk will be entitled 'All about Surnames' presented by Christine Earnshaw. Some people have already provided Christine with their surname so that she can have a delve and see what she finds!

Please contact Helen Cummings ([trevnhele@btinternet.com](mailto:trevnhele@btinternet.com) 07762174525 or: Sally Ward ([sallyward1954@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyward1954@hotmail.com) 01485 570504 for further information.

## **Sedgeford Craft Fayre**

### **Sunday 9th August**

This is the second of our craft fayres for the year, there are lots of lovely stalls to tempt you of local artisan crafts, we will have great refreshments available from cakes to sandwiches and more throughout the day for you to enjoy. A raffle will be held on the day to raise funds for 'Coast Watch' and we are hoping that Barney Bear will make an appearance. There will be members of coast watch there all day who can advise on sea and sand safety. Doors are open from 10am and close at 3pm, entry and parking are both free. So come along and have a fab day.

## CHURCH NEWS

**CONTACT** Rev'd Peter Cook, Docking Rectory 01485 517157

In the first half of the month, on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, we remember Saint Benedict of Nursia in our Church Calendar. Saint Benedict, who was born around the year 480 AD in the Umbrian town of Nursia, is regarded as the founding father of Western monasticism. Thanks to the role that he played in helping to shape and nurture the thought and the culture of our continent, Benedict is today the patron saint of Europe.

As a young man, Benedict was sent away to Rome to study, but he was, apparently, appalled by the corruption and decadence that he witnessed there. So, Benedict left Rome and his books behind and settled in the countryside near Subiaco, in an attempt to reconnect with God and the values that he held close to his heart. It was there that he met a monk called Romanus, who convinced Benedict to live the life of a hermit – something that he did for the next three years, living alone in a cave in the mountains.

During these three years of solitude, Benedict matured both in mind and character, in knowledge of himself and of his fellow-man, and at the same time he secured the respect of those about him. So much so, that on the death of the abbot of a monastery nearby, the community came to him and begged Benedict to become their abbot.

Unfortunately, Benedict's way of life was too strict for the monks and they ended up trying to poison him. So, Benedict went back to his cave and over time he attracted a different group of men, who wanted to live in the simple way that Benedict was living. In the end, so many came that Benedict founded a total of twelve monasteries around Subiaco, before going on to found a great monastery at Monte Cassino.

It was at this time that he wrote his famous 'Rule', to help guide and order the communities that he founded. This Rule of Saint Benedict became a foundational document of Western Monasticism and had a great influence on the development of Western Christian thought and spirituality. Indeed, we can all still learn a lot from reading Benedict's writing and by trying to incorporate its spirit into the way that we live our lives today. And you don't have to be a Christian to benefit from the wisdom of Benedict's Rule either.

It talks about structuring your day and the way that you live, it talks about being open to the stranger – welcoming them as you would Christ – and most importantly of all, it talks about listening both to others and to yourself. "Listen," says St Benedict, "to the instructions of the Teacher, and bring near the ear of your heart." This isn't just a call to hear what's being said – it's a call to listen fully, attentively, with the ear of your heart. We rarely do this in life – usually we listen to respond to other people, we don't really listen to absorb and understand what they are telling us. Benedict understood the difference. It is something that we should take time to consider – when I engage with others, do I "really listen" or am I engaging only to get my message across. In a world where it increasingly seems that only those who shout the loudest get heard, we could all do with brushing up on our listening skills. Even after more than 1500 years, it would seem that Benedict still has something to teach us today.

Peter Cook

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### **BAPTISM**

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#### **MARRIAGES**

Daniel Harrold &  
Scarlett Mummery

#### **R.I.P.**

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### **DOCKING ~ HARE FAIR**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September ~ 10am-4pm

St Mary's Church, Docking

Beautiful arts and crafts from across Norfolk

Delicious Refreshments – Fantastic Raffle to enter

All are Welcome and Entry is free

### **BIRCHAM ~ HARVEST LUNCH**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September ~ from 12:30pm.

At St Mary's Church, Docking ~ All are Welcome and Entry is free

All we ask is that you bring a plate of savoury food or a plate of  
dessert for others to share with you.

Please do come along and celebrate the Harvest with others from  
our village communities.

# SERVICES IN AUGUST 2026 & SEPTEMBER 2026

## SUN 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST

|         |            |                                             |                        |
|---------|------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | FRING      | Holy Communion                              | Led by Richard Collier |
| 11:00am | SEDFEFORD* | Remembering 1946                            | Led by Peter Cook      |
|         |            | 80 Years Commemoration Service              |                        |
|         |            | with the Hunstanton Concert Band            |                        |
|         |            | To be held at <b>SEDFEFORD VILLAGE HALL</b> |                        |

## SUN 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST ~ FESTIVAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

|         |         |                    |                        |
|---------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | FRING   | Morning Prayer     | Led by Richard Collier |
| 11:00am | DOCKING | Group Communion    | Led by Peter Cook      |
|         |         | Followed by Picnic |                        |

## SUN 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

|         |           |                |                        |
|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | SEDFEFORD | 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 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST

|         |           |                |                        |
|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| 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  | SEDFEFORD | Hymn Service   | Led by Peter Cook      |

## SUN 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

|         |         |                 |                        |
|---------|---------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | FRING   | Holy Communion  | Led by Richard Collier |
| 10:00am | BIRCHAM | Group Communion | Led by Peter Cook      |

## SUN 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |                |                |                        |
|---------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | SEDFEFORD      | 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 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |           |                |                   |
|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 10:00am | SEDFEFORD | Holy Communion | Led by Peter Cook |
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## SUN 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |           |                  |                         |
|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 09:30am | BIRCHAM   | Holy Communion   | Led by Peter Cook       |
| 09:30am | SEDFEFORD | 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 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |           |                |                        |
|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | SEDFEFORD | 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 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |           |                |                   |
|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 10:00am | SEDFEFORD | Holy Communion | Led by Peter Cook |
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## SUN 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

|         |           |                  |                        |
|---------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|
| 09:30am | BIRCHAM   | Harvest Festival | Led by Peter Cook      |
| 09:30am | FRING     | Morning Prayer   | Led by Richard Collier |
| 11:00am | DOCKING   | Family Harvest   | Led by Peter Cook      |
| 6:00pm  | SEDFEFORD | Hymn Service     | Led by Peter Cook      |