



Sedgeford Village News

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Parish Council

Parish Council August / September 2026

The old railway line from Ringstead Road towards Docking will be closed to the public from 1st September. The land-owner has kindly agreed that people are welcome to walk the path from the 2nd February to the 1st September each year with dogs on a lead but not during the months of September, October, November, December and January, as there will be shoots taking place. Despite our best efforts, the old railway line towards Heacham remains closed. Your cooperation in observing this guidance is much appreciated.

An additional Parish Council meeting was convened on Monday 3rd August to discuss revised plans for a self-build dwelling at 10 Goodminns. Following a thorough discussion, councillors voted to object to this development. We are now waiting to hear the decision of the Borough Council's Planning Team.

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 Church

The church is undergoing work on the wall paintings in the church. The work will take between 8 and 10 weeks.

The church is open during the week and you are welcome to visit.

The church will be closed on a Saturday but will be open for services on the Sunday (see separate sheet).

Gifts for the Hunstanton Foodbank and Baby Basics can be left in the church during the week. Your gifts are always very much needed. Thank you.

Sedgeford Bowls Club

The club is held on Friday afternoons at Sedgeford Village Hall, from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, with a break for tea and biscuits, at a cost of £3.00 per person. The Autumn session will run from Friday, September 4th until Friday December 18th. To encourage people to come and have a go a taster session is offered free of charge.

We are a mixed group of all abilities and would welcome new members to join us.

Hope to see you soon.

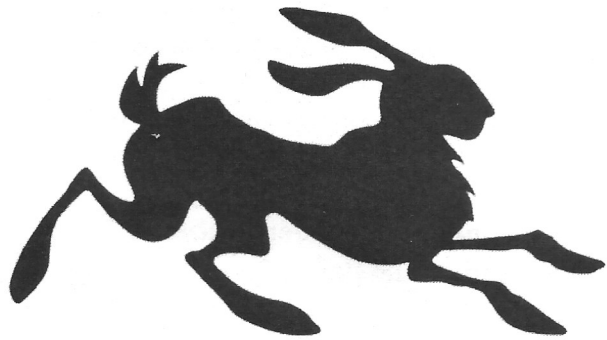
Rose Curtis

Art Exhibition at Thornham Village Hall in support of Hunstanton Stroke Group

On Saturday and Sunday September 19th and 20th eight well-known local artists are exhibiting their work from 10am to 4pm.

Also, pieces by stroke survivors.

Docking Hare Fair



Saturday
19th September
10am ~ 4pm

At St Mary's Church
Crafts ~ Art ~ Food ~ Raffle
Entrance Free

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CHURCH NEWS

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Summer this year is on course to be the UK's hottest Summer on record. It certainly has been extraordinary. A late-Spring heatwave that set a new May temperature record was followed by another heatwave in June and a third in July, which lasted for two weeks in some places. At one stage, for thirty-seven consecutive days there was a heatwave somewhere in the UK – not always the same place, but within the same country. And alongside the hot weather, we have also experienced some very dry weather too. Drought has now been declared across more than two-thirds of England and all of Wales. A total of 45 million people are now living in a drought area in England, with more than 27 million facing water use restrictions. And thanks to the powerful El Nino that is now growing towards its peak in our Winter, our Summer in 2027 is likely to replace 2024 as the warmest year on record.

The American poet, Robert Frost, once said that: "Nature is always hinting at us. It hints over and over again. And suddenly we take the hint." That said, I hope that we are taking the hint. Because, it seems increasingly undeniable that our climate is changing dramatically. The problem is that it is not clear that we can get everybody to take those changes seriously enough to do anything about it. Sir David Attenborough has stated that: "The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water, and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it." The British polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has added that: "The greatest threat to the planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

The problem is a huge one – a global issue - too great for any one person to deal with alone. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't stop and think about what we could do. The biologist Jane Goodall set out the matter very well when she said: "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

We have a tendency to want to use other nations' or corporations' bad behaviour as an excuse to do little or nothing ourselves. Why should I be careful with the water I use when the water companies waste vast amounts with unfixed leaks? We should be careful, because it's the right thing to do. And, although we know it is the right thing, we just seek to avoid taking any responsibility for our own actions by pointing a finger at somebody else. It's the same excuse that children use – "He did it first" – and we don't accept the excuse when they use it, so why should we think that we can use it?

The American poet Wendell Berry has said that: "The earth is what we all have in common." And without it we have nothing – no food, no water, no hope. We need to think carefully about the way we live and how we use the world's resources. The Founder of Earth Day, G. Nelson, has said: "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." And the sad thing, for those of us who have so much and still often want much more, is that he is right.

Peter Cook

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

August Louise Benson

MARRIAGES

Daniel Naylor & Lucy Hare

R.I.P.

William 'Bill' Husselby

Joan Pooley

Janet French

DOCKING ~ HARE FAIR

Sat 19th 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 26th September ~ from 12:30pm.

At St Mary's Church, Docking ~ All are Welcome and Entry is free
Please bring a plate of savoury food or a dessert for others to share.

BIRCHAM ~ CURRY & QUIZ

Sat 10th October starting at 7pm ~ St Mary's Church, Bircham

Choice of Chicken Curry or Vegetable Cassoulet – Tickets £12.50

Please call John & Sally Lillweb to book on 01485 779669

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2026 & OCTOBER 2026

SUN 6th SEPTEMBER

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 9th SEPTEMBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Cancelled due to works in the church	
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SUN 13th SEPTEMBER

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 20th SEPTEMBER

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 23RD SEPTEMBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Cancelled due to works in the church	
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SUN 27TH 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	SEDFORD	Hymn Service	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 4th OCTOBER

09:30am	SEDFORD	Harvest Festival	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	Harvest Festival	Led by Peter Cook

SUN 11th OCTOBER

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

WED 14th OCTOBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Cancelled due to works in the church	
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SUN 18th OCTOBER

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 OCTOBER

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

WED 28th OCTOBER

10:00am	SEDFORD	Cancelled due to works in the church	
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