

Sedgeford Village News

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PARISH COUNCIL



Concerns have been raised about the low levels of water in the river: the Council is trying to arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss this. Ken Hill Estates have agreed that Sedgeford residents can once again use the permissive path established last year, until the end of July. This circular path, from the Church, along the footpath towards Snettisham, across the field beside the river and returning beside the Heacham Road, is only open on Sundays and dogs are not permitted. The recycling centre at Heacham is due to go back to 7-day opening in July and the centre in Docking to re-open in May.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS:



POST OFFICE

The Post Office is returning to the village hall for one day a week starting Wednesday 13th April. They will open every Wednesday morning from 10 am until 12 noon. There is a flier in with the newsletter which you could pin up as a reminder of opening times. If we don't use it we could lose it. Darren, the Postmaster, will also take orders for Wednesday papers, milk, bread etc. If you have difficulty getting up to the village hall and would like a lift please ring 579002.

40S NIGHT

Unfortunately we have had to cancel St George's Night this year but, all is not lost as we have now organised a 40s Night. This will take place on the 23rd April at the village hall. We will be entertained by "Timescape" and 40s dress is optional. There will be a two course meal and do bring your own refreshments please (glasses supplied). Time 7 for 7.30 pm start and finish at 11.30 pm. Tickets are £12.50 each and available from Pat on 570889.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We shall be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday on 11th June at the village hall with a disco, barbecue and beacon lighting. Further details to follow in the next newsletter.

SEDFORD CHURCH

The church will be open for lunches etc for Open Gardens but work will not quite be complete and we are not sure when services will return to the church. There will be an update in the next newsletter.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP



At our March meeting two lovely ladies talked about the local charity 'West Norfolk Mind' which was established over 20 years ago. The charity provides many services which support people experiencing mental health issues. Their Well Being Clinics compliment the National Health Service. The clinics and their other services and workshops provide help with emotional and physical problems and educate to help prevent mental illness. Some require funding by a personal budget or self-funding, 1 in 4 people suffer some form of mental illness during their lives and 1 in 5 people also suffer due to stress and anxiety in the workplace. The nearest centre is in Heacham. Next meeting - Outing Wed 13th April Meal at the Duck Inn Stanhoe. Contact Helen on 570904 for menu to pre-order, prices and booking.
May Meeting: 11th MAY - 7.30pm Village Hall - CSI Crime Scene Investigation by Sergeant Colin Cummings. This meeting is open to anyone; bring your menfolk and friends. Entrance Fee £4 on the door.
Maggie Burlton

LUNCHEON CLUB.

In the past months the numbers have declined; if we are to continue we do need more people to make it worthwhile.



The club was set up several years ago with the school to boost their numbers for meals as all Sedgeford School meals are cooked on site in the canteen. The school is very lucky to have this facility in this day and age as most schools have their meals shipped in from other canteens. We are open to all ages and you will be most welcome. It is held in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month, school holidays permitting. It is £5 for a two-course meal including a small raffle. Lifts can be arranged; just phone Janet or Mike on 571325.

OPEN GARDENS 35TH ANNIVERSARY: 29TH MAY 2016.



St. Mary's Church Sedgeford, once again invites you to enjoy a number of gardens of all sizes, some small, some large, all beautifully cared for by their owners. This special year when restoration of the church is near completion, lunches will be served in the newly constructed dining area in church. Teas will be at Wethered Manor by kind permission of Mrs Louise Barber and, weather permitting, among the flowers. Mr. and Mrs. N. Wooley will have books on sale in church and there will be a cake stall. Please phone me on 570933 if you have cakes to offer for sale and I will pass on the information to the stall holder. This is a popular stall and we need a number of cakes, as we do books. Mrs Christine Forecast would be grateful for your garden produce at her home at No.1, West Hall Farm Barns (Tel 572705). Mrs Chris Wooley will have childrens games at Wethered Manor and Mrs Janet Garrett has promised another beautiful ice cake to 'guess-the-weight'. A Thanksgiving service rounds up our day – do join us at 6pm in church.

Pat Fleming

DOG FOULING – extra!

Having just read your article on dog fouling (in last months newsletter – Ed.), unfortunately the issue is not only contained to the playing field, but also the field behind Jarvis Close, with the footpath down onto Parkside. Perhaps a gentle reminder could also be placed regarding it there also. I have lost track of the amount of times I have had to clean my children's shoes.



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NEWS FROM THE KING WILLIAM IV

As we step into Spring, it is always exciting to see the first glimmer of sunshine prompting us to bring out the alfresco dining furniture and twinkling garden lanterns. April sees the launch of our Spring/Summer menu and the celebration of a remarkable 180 years of hospitality at The King William IV. Another great milestone is our ever-successful kitchen team and especially our sous-chef Simon Biggar who marks 10 years of dedicated service. Cheerful Simon is not only very talented, he is a great team player and much valued member of our staff. Look out during the week for our special set menu of 2 courses for £14.95 and 3 courses for £17.95 alongside our normal menus. Don't forget our daily take away service, Monday Quiz-Night, Tuesday Curry Night and Sunday Roast. We hope you all have a Happy Easter and look forward to see you.



Lili Skerritt

PET PHOTO COMPETITION:

To raise money for PACT ANIMAL SANCTUARY (Norfolk & Suffolk) & Docking and Massingham Doctor Surgery. 42 classes (Dog section, Cat section & Other Animal Section)

£1 per entry - Medal & Rosette to 3rd place. Can enter online or post. Contact 01485 578380 or photocompetition2016@hotmail.com for class list and entry form. Entries close 30th April.

OBITUARY: MIKE BARKER

As many in the village will already know, Mike Barker died suddenly on March 13th age 71. He is survived by 2 children, 3 granddaughters and a sister. Mike was born in Melton Mowbray, explaining his lifelong love of pies (!) and was a Qualified Surveyor who finished his working life as the Chief Executive of Housing on Boston Council. He was very good at Amateur Dramatics and appeared at the Blackfriars Theatre in Boston for many years. Mike moved to Sedgeford in 2000 and carried on his love of walking, arranging several day walks as well as some serious long distance walks which were always very enjoyable to do with him. He was the leading man in the Sedgeford Amateur Dramatic Society –SADS- and was actively rehearsing for a new play in April at the time of his death.

Mike was an accomplished alpine skier with over 30 year's experience. He was first introduced to Skiing whilst attending Grammar School and his passion for the sport led to annual winter skiing holidays. Mikes distinctive style enabled him to descend even the most challenging slopes with elegance and speed. Mikes grand finale was to ski the Sella Ronda in the Italian dolomites for a second time earlier this year, a mission accomplished in less than 4 hours!

Over the past two years Mike had enjoyed a very happy friendship with Jenny and had so much to look forward to. His untimely death is a great loss to his many friends in the village including those at the King William, his fellow SADS members and his regular Bridge, walking and skiing partners.

Mike's funeral is on Monday 18th April at Mintlyn Crematorium starting at 2.30. The wake will be at the King William, (where else!) immediately afterwards. All are very welcome to attend

Maggie, Stuart and Mike W.

WWI Roll of Honour: Sidney Peel Walden:

Private 240754. 1st/5th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Died in Egypt on Wednesday 18 July 1917. Age 22. Enlisted East Dereham. Son of George Issac and Mary Anne (nee Peel) Walden, of Sedgeford, King's Lynn, Norfolk. Buried in Deir El Belah War Cemetery, Israel. (Ref. D. 21); also commemorated on the family grave in Sedgeford old Cemetery (west side).



Deadline for May Newsletter: 21st April 2016
