

Sedgeford Village News

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PARISH COUNCIL.

The Council now has a new noticeboard, which will be placed on the bank opposite the King William. Anglian Water has launched a 'pollution watch' campaign and is encouraging people to call their Pollution Hotline (03457 145145) to let them know about any sewage pollution issues. Now that the Post Office service has reopened at the Village Hall, the Post Office is consulting local people about the proposed opening hours. To let them know your views, please phone 03457 223344 or email postofficeviews.co.uk, quoting the reference 70513199, before 25th May.



SEDFORD OPEN GARDENS UPDATE - 29th May 12 noon to 5 pm:



Helen Cummings and Julia Hollingworth will be helping me even more this year with gentle persuasion to open your gardens for the 29th May and enjoy hosting your

flowerbeds for our visitors.

Please take plants for sale to Christine Forecast at 1 West Hall Barns. Helen Cummings has offered space in her freezer for those cakes which will be made conveniently early, both for the teas at Wethered Manor and the cake stall in church. Please phone 570933 or 570904.

There will be children's games at 17 Goodminns and not at Wethered Manor as previously stated. Model boats are with us again on the pond at Willow Barn by kind permission of Alan Barker and Penny Parsons and open garden at Angie Coker's.

If you have any books for the book stall please take them to Heather and Neville Woolley at Fernlea. There are many gardens open but final number yet to be confirmed.

Lunches are in the church from 12 noon and teas at Wethered Manor from 2 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: THE MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARDS FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2015

These awards are given to residents living in the Borough of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, who have given voluntary service to the community in which they live and further afield. They were instituted in 1995 by the then Mayor, Councillor Fred Juniper. This year Mike Frost was one of those who attended the award ceremony to collect his award for service to the community of Sedgeford. Mike who was born in the village, has been active within the village for many years. A Parish Councillor for many years, extremely active in helping at Village Hall events and as a School Governor, he with help, prepared the garden area for the children to try their hand at gardening, plus many other jobs within the school. Many tasks at the church were undertaken by him. Mike is always willing to help others, congratulations to him on achieving this award.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There was no formal meeting in April but several ladies went for a meal at The Duck Inn at Stanhoe. Our next meeting: Wed 11th May, 7.30pm Village Hall, 'CSI Crime Scene Investigation' by Detective Sergeant Colin Cummings. **THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ANYONE - SO BRING YOUR MENFOLK AND FRIENDS.** Entrance fee for non-members is £4 on the door. Maggie Burlton



REGULAR VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

POST OFFICE:

The Post Office at the Village Hall will now open on a Tuesday between 10 and 12 noon and NOT Wednesday as previously advertised.

CARPET BOWLS

Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm. New members welcome - ring Mike on 579355 for more information

YOGA

Tuesday Evening Yoga 6 - 7pm;
Wednesday Morning Yoga 10-11am
Children may attend the evening class if accompanied by a responsible adult. New members are welcome to come and try a class before joining For more details call 01485 570485 Sandee Kruger-Daunt

NEWSLETTER COLLATOR.

OUR THANKS to Amanda Armitage who has stepped in to collate the newsletter with 'advisory' help from both Pin A. and mother Ed, Janet H. Thank You also to those of you who also contacted to volunteer and are 'in reserve'.

SPRING NEWS AT THE KING WILLIAM IV.

Enjoy a tasty selection of new dishes on The King William's new Spring/Summer Menu or try our special weekly set menu at 2 courses for £14.95 and 3 courses for £17.95 (avail. Mon-Fri). New **Summer restaurant opening hours** are Lunch Tue-Sat 12-2pm, Sun 12-2.30pm & Dinner Mon-Sun 6-9pm.

Don't forget to book your table for **Father's Day Sunday 19 June**. Alongside our normal a la carte, specials Board and Sunday Roast we also offer an excellent value menu of 2 courses at £15.95/3 courses at £19.95 for dads with hearty appetites. No pre-order needed.

We have a job vacancy for an enthusiastic **junior commis chef** to work with our dedicated kitchen team. The right candidate has ideally a NVQ2 qualification in professional cooking but at least NVQ1. Further training will be given. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone that has recently left college and would like to start work in a successful well-managed kitchen.

We look forward to lots of lovely sunny days this Spring – and look forward to welcoming you all!
Lili Skerritt

COMPLAINTS:

The Editors continue to receive complaints regarding dog-mess on the playing field and environs. A number of complaints have also been received regarding the constant drone of the generators powering the mobile phone mast erected on the playing field, affecting the surrounding inhabitants. It has been pointed out that complaints can be submitted by contacting the mast company, Arquiva, and to King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council by phone or email Csn@West-Norfolk.gov.uk

Deadline for June Newsletter: 19th May 2016

THE MYSTERIOUS CASE

OF THE BURNT SHOES.

Roger Garfitt, son of Judge Alan Garfitt, in his memoir *The Horseman's Word* (2011) relates to a mystery that occurred when his father was a young lad in Sedgeford. The family lived opposite the school, a new schoolmaster had been arrived (Mr. W. Neil was appointed in February 1937) with new ideas, one being that the children should make themselves a pair of indoor shoes out of felt. The sack of shoes disappeared over one half-term break having, it transpired, been burnt on the bonfire. Suspicion fell on the two young Garfitt boys, Billy & Peter, because they lived so close; the schoolmaster took them to court. The trial before the magistrates lasted two days; enough witnesses testified that neither of the boys had been anywhere near the school. The magistrates should have dismissed the case, but saw that this would make the schoolmaster appear foolish; to compromise the boys were found guilty but given an absolute discharge!

But if it wasn't the Garfitt boys who burnt the sack of shoes, who did? It is suggested in the memoir that it may have been the caretaker who unwittingly disposed of the sack thinking it rubbish. No one came forward to confess or admit their error to clear the boys names. The verdict was shame enough and the family never forgave it and decided to leave the village they had lived and contributed to the past twenty years. Parents were still seeking compensation for the lost shoes in 1944 and the incident of the burnt shoes was still remembered some fifty years on when Roger visited the village to research for his memoir when speaking with former school teacher, the late Gertie Carter.

WWI Roll of Honour:

Herbert James Bell:



Private TF/242740, 1st/8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Killed in action in France & Flanders on Wednesday 1 August 1917. Age 32. Born Bircham. Lived King's Lynn. Enlisted Norwich. Son of Albert and Ann Marie Bell, of Heacham Rd. Sedgeford, King's Lynn. No known grave. Commemorated on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. (Panel 49 and 51).

James William Williamson:



Private 22325. 8th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Killed in action in France & Flanders on Saturday 11 August 1917. Age 20. Born Sedgeford. Enlisted King's Lynn. No known grave. Commemorated on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. (Panel 4).