

Sedgeford Village News

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PARISH COUNCIL

Planning application. Nearly 80 local residents attended the Parish Council meeting on 18th March to express their concerns about proposals to construct a poultry unit in the village. After listening to their views and taking account of additional information available, councillors voted to rescind their earlier approval for these plans and send a letter of objection to the Borough Council's planning department. Details of the plans can be found on the KL&WN Borough Council website. Representations have been extended **until 7th April** – see webpage:

<http://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=sum mary&keyVal=NI2A9YIV05900>

An article about the application appeared in the EDP on 19th March: search edp24/proposals to build poultry units for up to 360000 birds.

Bus service. Mr and Mrs Bridger from Great Massingham gave an interesting presentation, outlining the steps they had taken towards obtaining a scheduled bus service for their village. They stressed the importance of establishing clear evidence of need, which they had done by compiling a folder of individual narratives.

Website. Councillors agreed a proposal to update the village website this summer, incorporating new features such as an ebulletin facility and more extensive information about local events, services and businesses. If you have relevant graphic design experience and would like to contribute to this project, please ring Sue Crump on 570377.

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

CARPET BOWLS

Monday 7.30-9.30. New members welcome - ring 579355 for more information

YOGA

Tuesday Evening Yoga 6 - 7pm Wednesday Morning Yoga 10-11am Meditation Group 3rd Wednesday of the month 11-12 noon. Children may attend the evening class if accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information from Sandee Kruger-Daunt ring New members are very welcome to come along and try a class before joining Children may attend the evening class if accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information from Sandee Kruger-Daunt 01485 570485

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

Our March meeting was a little different from normal, Janet Bett and Co. (Linda Smith, Kate Clarke, Jenny Willis and Maggie Burlton) turned the hall into a mini library with their story telling circle. 'Thoughts of Spring' was the topic and the ladies read a selection of poems pertaining to the subject, with quite a few references to daffodils. There were also readings from popular authors such as - H.E. Bates - The Darling Buds of May; Flora Robson - Larkrise to Candleford; Kenneth Graham - The Wind in the Willows; Pam Ayres - With these Hands. The session concluded with a comedy script by an unknown author about 'The Mother of the Bride'. All the participants then sang a little ditty about Hot Cross Buns and the evening ended with all those present eating them - The Hot Cross Buns I mean - not the participants! Next Meeting: Wed. 8th April 7.30pm Village Hall - Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens - Shelagh Ashe
Maggie Burlton

THANK YOU.

Kate Clark would like to thank everyone in the Women's Friendship Group who contributed towards the beautiful cherry tree that was presented to her at the last meeting, in recognition of her 10 years of chairwomen of the group. She was very surprised and delighted with this lovely and thoughtful gift.

OPEN GARDENS 24th May 2015

Thank you for the response to open your gardens; one or two more would be ideal. I have an idea which could be equally helpful. Christine Forecast has broken a bone and is taking a rest from having the plant stall this year. If you can bring on a few small potted plants, I can supply the seed and compost. Also, if you are dividing plants this year you may have unwanted plants to spare. If you wish to bring them on the day to the church porch, label them well and add the price. We also need 2 people to man the stall. If any of this appeals to you give me a ring on 01485 570933. Thank you

Pat Fleming

EASTER AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church are holding an Easter Egg/Treasure Hunt from Saturday 28th March until Sunday 12th April in the church from 9.30 am – 12 noon each day. Refreshments are available plus a chance to win an Easter Egg. Do come along and join in the fun.

Pam Goddard

Deadline for May Newsletter is 21st April 2015

THE KING WILLIAM IV

The King William welcomes local artist, Marty Griffin, for a special Spring Exhibition in the Gallery Restaurant. Marty's detailed watercolours feature local landscapes, seascapes and buildings. Pop in for a drink and enjoy Marty's paintings which are all available for sale.

Pick a spot in the garden or pretty pergola this Easter and sample the Inn's tasty new salad and vegetable combinations and all the latest dishes on the new summer menu. From Monday, 30 March dinner service starts from the slightly earlier time of 6pm until 9pm every day. Lunch continues from 12 to 2pm. The King William welcomes dogs in the garden and bar area – and there's even a fun Easter colouring competition to keep the little ones happy.

If you have a family celebration coming up, take a look at what The King William can offer to make your occasion extra special – see www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk for details or call Reception on 01485 571765.

CRAFT GROUP

A local craft group has been recently set up, meeting at the Village Hall, Stanhoe (The Reading Room) on the second Monday of every month from 7-9pm. There is a mixture of interests including knitting, crocheting, felting, carding, quilting, jewellery making and many more. If you wish to join this very friendly group for a chat and a cuppa please let me know at jatflater@hotmail.co.uk or on 07773931461 or just simply turn up. Our next meeting will be on the 13th April. Bring whatever you are currently working on. Everyone is extremely welcome.

YOUR NEWSLETTER: Deliverers Wanted.

Our thanks to Mike Sprules, Tony Rogers and Stan Miller for their time in delivering the newsletters over the years along Docking Rd and Goodminns. They are now stepping down and we welcome Carol Hamilton who will be taking over Tony's Docking Rd round. We do still require volunteers to deliver the newsletter around Goodminns and the Littleport area, the East Hall farm enclave including Pump Cottages and the last dwellings a mile out of the village toward Docking. Can you help out? If so contact the Eds or Gareth on 571828

Woodchippings will be available for your gardens from Hill Farm very shortly. Contact the Eds !

70 YEARS AGO: Bobby Dipper writes 24th April 1945 The Parish Council discussed the playing field position on Wednesday with less acrimony than

hitherto. Messrs. Hamilton and Jacobs, who represent the council on the committee, appear to favour the committee continuing the administration. Voluntary committees often command greater public support than local councils, despite the fact that the latter are elected by popular vote. Many people regard a parish council as a picturesque collection of yokels sitting round the village pump pulling straw out of their ears. The idea that parish councils are redundant, or should be amalgamated, does not find the same support today as it did a few years ago. They can and will play a very useful part in post-war affairs.

"Best Laid Schemes" At Sedgeford

Sedgeford was ready to give a rousing welcome to its first liberated prisoner, Pte Jack Cox. The station and houses along the route to his home had been decorated with flags and bunting. People gathered at vantage points along the Station Rd, and the parish council postponed its meeting half-an-hour so that the chairman might extend an official welcome. Fate (or the L.N.E.R.) decreed otherwise. Cox was delayed en route, and reached Sedgeford soon after 6am on Thursday. He was last home at Christmas, 1939. Captured at the fall of France, he escaped on the march to Germany, and was not re-captured by the Germans until two years later.

REMEMBERING: Marjorie Frost 1926 - 2014:

Marj Frost, sadly passed away last December. Born on 19 November 1926 in Sutton St James, she was the eldest of Cecil and Lily Baily. On leaving school at 14 she helped on the family farm and looked after her two brothers Lawrence and Eric; she often visited her Grandparents in Sedgeford, where she met Derek Frost, whom she married in 1951, lived along the Docking Rd and brought up their three children, Robert, Susan and Mark; later on Matthew, their grandson, came to live with them. Derek and Marj both worked for Newcombe-Baker Farm: Derek was Farm Foreman and Majorie helped in the house, especially on shooting days. In later years she worked for Mrs Newcombe-Baker as a housekeeper. Marj involved herself with helping out at church fetes and flower festivals and, in later years, helped with collating and folding the Newsletter for others to deliver. She kept a diary and was a keen gardener, keeping an immaculate garden until age caught up with her and even a few days before her death, she was wanting to get out and do a bit with her frame and a hoe.

Also Remembering: Steve Sharp, former bar manager at the King Willy, who sadly passed away after a long illness in January of this year, aged 63 years.

WWI Roll of Honour: Duncan Johnson Tuck:

Captain 3rd Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Died of his wounds on Monday 3 July 1916. Aged 23. Born near Eton, son of Rev. Francis Johnson (Vicar of Sedgeford) & Ethel Mary (nee Woodroffe) Tuck. Buried in Avesne-le-Comte Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. (Plot III. Row A. Grave II).

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