

Sedgeford Village News

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PARISH COUNCIL

Representatives from the company seeking to erect a mobile phone mast in the village were unable to attend the June Council meeting but hope to come to the next meeting, at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th July. The defibrillator has now arrived and discussions are continuing to identify the most suitable place to install it. The bench kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Sprules has now been installed near the war memorial.

VILLAGE HALL.

During the next months there are 2 films planned for showing at the Hall. On Friday July 10th we are screening The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) which is the follow-up to the very successful original film starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Bill Nighy. The same cast are joined by Richard Gere in this sequel which starts at 7.30 and admission is £5 including a glass of wine. In the school holidays on Friday 14th August we are showing the modern version of Cinderella (U) directed by Kenneth Branagh and starring Cate Blanchett and Helena Bonham Carter. This family film will appeal to both children and adults. We will have details of the start time and prices for children in the next newsletter but please put the date in the diary. The fete this year will be run by the School on July 11th and we hope to have a combined Village Hall and School fete again next year on the playing field. If you have any comments about the Hall and especially any ideas for future events please contact me on 579355. Mike Wade

OPEN GARDENS: THE RESULTS.

The Open Gardens in Sedgeford on 24th May proved yet again, that the combination of lovely gardens – all so different from one another, delicious meals, dainty teas and by no means least, a warm welcome from Sedgeford folk proved a winning formula. The amount raised for the church was £2,250.00. Even the blast of rain helped in more than one direction. As well as refreshing the gardens, it drove more visitors into the church for a meal, and then soon cleared and the afternoon was sunny and warm.

Thank you everyone who helped in any way to make it a successful and enjoyable day. Gardener's, cooks, tea-ladies and those who printed leaflets, manned stalls and put up signs – thanks again Neville Wooley for the signs that could not be ignored on the main roads! The model boats were

once again on the water at Willow Barn, Angie's home by kind permission of Alan and Penny; another treat to enjoy. Thank you, everyone. There is talk of OG2016 – shall we?
Pat Fleming.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SEDGEFORD

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our appeal for the church building works. Much appreciated. It is not too late if you would like to give – just leave your donation at the King William and any cheques should be made out to Sedgeford PCC. If all goes to plan, building works should start in November. There will be a display of proposed works at the festival in August.

CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

Please join us for a Cream Tea Afternoon at the home of Kate and Bernard Clark, The Chalkpit, Docking Road from 3 – 5 pm on the 25th July. Proceeds will go towards the festival flowers. Look forward to seeing you there.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR

This will take place on 28th, 29th and 30th August from 10 am – 5 pm each day. If you have any donations for the tombola stall please leave with Carol Curry – telephone 570926. Also any books for the book stall can be left inside the church.
Pam Goddard

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

At our June meeting Trevor Harrison from South Creake Plant Centre was a talking encyclopedia on plants. His in depth talk on roses, clematis and salvias was very informative and he had brought along many varieties to show and gave us tips on suitable soil conditions and feeding. One useful tip - The shinier the leaf on roses, the hardier it will be and resist pests and diseases.

Next Meeting - SUMMER OUTING, Wed. 8th JULY. Meet at Janet Betts house in Thomham at 6.30pm for garden viewing. Afterwards 7.30pm at BRIARFIELDS for a meal. (2 course meal £22.50p) Contact Helen on 570904 to book and pre-select menu by 23rd June. NO MEETING IN AUGUST. Wed 9th September Village Hall 7.30pm 'Doggie Spectacular' - Ruth Harris. Maggie Burlton

FOOD WASTE BAGS

A reminder that John Ward the parish clerk keeps a stock of food bags at a cost of £1.35. If you would like some please call at Wychwood Heacham Road or give him a call on 570504. During August and the early part of September Mrs Janet Frost has agreed to hold the bags so you will need to contact her. The supply of the bags is a service that is provided through the Parish Council.

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SEDGEFORD WRITER AT LYNN FESTIVAL.

The 'Room at the Hanse' Theatre Company run by Gareth and Melanie Calway (Ancyrian, Cole Green) has two shows on at the Lynn Festival Fringe. 'The Wife of Lynn's Tale' is about the amazing life of the mystic Margery Kempe who wrote the first autobiography in English in the early 15th century about her unlicensed pilgrimages, travels and visions of God, Jesus and Mary. This was not the life a married woman with fourteen children was supposed to lead! The play is staged as part of the Lynn Festival Fringe in Lynn Minster, Margery's parish church of St Margaret's, on Friday July 24 at 7.30, tickets £9 from the Custom House 01553 763044 or direct from Gareth or Melanie (01485 571828). On the previous Friday the company has a show about Margery's parish priest, William Sawtrey, the first man to be burned for heresy in England. This is called 'A Nice Guy' and you can watch Gareth – or at least his effigy – burn in the Hanse House courtyard on South Quay, Lynn, from 4 pm Friday 17 July, also as part of the Lynn Festival fringe. (Donations only) Both productions star professional musicians and actors. Finally, on 29 July, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Beatles 'Help' film, Gareth and John William bring their popular show Beat Music: 'It was 50 years Ago Today' to the Boneyard Field, SHARP, Sedgeford. The evening will include an interval banquet by Janine Parry. Gareth Calway.

THE KING WILLIAM IV COUNTRY INN & RESTAURANT, SEDGEFORD

Enjoy a tasty selection of entrées on the new Summer Menu – Trio of Sushi, crisp and tangy salads and an Antipasti Platter to share – alongside a chilled glass of wine in the Inn's pretty pergola. Choose a cooler spot indoors and sample one of the popular A La Carte dishes, Daily Specials or vegetarian options. Bursting with flavour, The King William's innovative, seasonal cuisine is the perfect complement to a fantastic day out – children are welcome in the Gallery Restaurant and there's a bowl of water ready for pets in the garden. For an easy supper, try the Inn's handy Takeaway Menu and if you're planning a family celebration, The King William is a charming venue offering a choice of eating areas and food to suit your party plan. For any guests wishing to stay overnight, The King William offers luxury, en suite rooms with short break packages throughout the year and a useful accommodation Loyalty Card – there's ample parking too! An exhibition of paintings by local artist, Marty Griffin, continues in the Gallery Restaurant – and test your general knowledge at Monday Quiz Night. For the latest food, event and room offers call Reception on 01485 571765 or visit our website at www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk

70 YEARS AGO: Threshing Engine Tragedy – Fatality On Sedgeford Hill. On the 5th July 1945 one man was killed and two others had narrow escapes from injury when a threshing engine, with drum and elevator, got out of control at Washpit Hill, Sedgeford. Bertie William Drewery (34) of Sedgeford, a drum feeder, who lost his life, was employed by Messrs. F.S. Bushell, Ringstead.

John Thomas Spink (39), engine driver, was moving threshing tackle from Sedgeford to Snettisham. With him was his 11-years-old son, Colin, and Bertie Drewery who was the engine steersman. All appeared to be in running order as they came down the school hill at Sedgeford; turning onto the Heacham road Spinks saw smoke coming from the piston crank. On investigating, he found it partially seized, eased the bearing, and after oiling and testing started off towards the Snettisham road. At the corner, he put the engine into low gear. The reverse gear, which was used as a brake, did not answer, and the engine gathered speed. He took over the steering wheel from Drewery, but the front wheels went into a speed wobble. The offside wheel hit a road sign and wall, and the engine heaved and turned upside down. He jumped clear and his son was also thrown clear, but Drewery was pinned under the tender, which had rolled across the middle of his back.

Witness, Oswald Gascoyne of Sedgeford, who had mounted and followed on his cycle when he saw the speed suddenly increase and realised something was wrong, assisted Spinks who had got a jack from the elevator, and drew Drewery out. He was still breathing.

At the inquest held at Sedgeford by the Coroner for the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. W.J. Barton, Spinks said he had driven that class of engine for 23 years and had never had a similar experience. He had been down the same hill on many occasions with greater weight. Charles Richardson of Docking, a retired engine driver, was also a witness to the accident adding that he had seen the driver hanging onto the reverse lever after shutting off the steam. Expert witness, Mr. Joseph Powell, Engineer, said that the possible cause was that the engine had jumped out of gear or that the driver was slow in giving the engine steam after putting the reversing lever into the backward position gear; Richardson was of the opinion that the engine had indeed jumped out of gear. He also knew Spinks to be an experienced and expert driver. Mr R.R. Cuff (of Hawkin's & Co., Lynn) representing Mr M.J. Bushell, Drewery's employer, also added that although there was another braking system on the engine, in practice it was useless, as the driver would have no time to crank it up. Drewery had received gross internal injuries from the full weight of the engine, almost certainly including a fractured spine. The Coroner, recorded a verdict of 'Accidental Death'. Drewery leaves a widow and two children. TJHS

WWI Roll of Honour: Frank Henry Raines:

Private 15495, 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Killed in action in France & Flanders on Friday 15 September 1916. Age 25. Born Sedgeford. Enlisted Norwich. No known grave. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. (Pier and Face 1C and 1D).

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