

Sedgeford Village News

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS.

During March there are two illustrated talks starting at 7.30 with admission on the door of £5 including coffee and biscuits. On Friday March 6th the talk is entitled Female on the Footplate by Christine Adams about life on the North Norfolk Railway. Christine was at the Hall last year talking about her Aunt May who moved her house brick by brick from near London to Wells. On Friday March 20th we have Neil Potterton from Blacksmith Cottage Nursery which is a RHS award winning plant nursery. Neil is a garden designer and his talk is entitled "Spring into Summer". A few days later on Wednesday 1st April we are presenting a play called "Parachutes" about an American GI in rural Norfolk during World War 2. This play has had great reviews and is also being performed at West Acre Theatre (at a higher price than Sedgeford !!) . On Friday May 1st our second play of the year is "The Poisoners Pact" about 2 female poisoners in the early nineteenth century. This is a true story also set in Norfolk and is performed by the Stuff of Dreams Theatre company who were at the Hall last year with the excellent "Bricks of Burston ". Both plays start at 7.30 and admission is £12 including a glass of wine. Tickets are already selling well and can be obtained from 570097 or 579355. We hope to see you at some or all of these events.

Mike Wade"

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.

We had a delightful evening with Mark and Lisa who bought the Whin Hill Norfolk Cider Company 4 years ago. Their 16acre orchard of 1800 trees at Stanho grow 10 varieties of Cider apples. They also have 5 acres at Sandringham with 650 Cox's apple trees. They run the company by themselves and are full of enthusiasm for their work. They sell a wide variety of cider apple juices at their shop in Wells. Their video took us through the whole process of cider production from the orchard to the harvest to the pressing, fermentation and bottling. They produce approx. 55000 bottles of cider a year. On average 10-12 apples are required to make 1 bottle of cider. We tasted several different cider and apple juices which were delicious.

Next Meeting : Wed 11th March 7.30 pm Village Hall
'Flavours of Springtime ' Janet Bett and Co.

Maggie Burlton

OPEN GARDENS 2015

Thinking Open Gardens in this cold month? Well nothing stands still in the soil and shoots are shooting everywhere. The spring flowers are yet to be made a blaze of colour then after that we can look forward to our early summer gardens. If you would like to offer your garden this year for Bank Holiday Sunday 24th May or help in any other way expertise offered will be appreciated; I am sure you would welcome visitors once again. Further details in the April Newsletter or ring 570933.

Pat Flemming

ST MARYS' SEDGEFORD IS MOVING WITH THE TIMES

And a new set of altar coverings for the main altar coverings for the main altar and the Lady Chapel are to be made. Are you useful with a sewing machine, enjoy hand sewing, embroidering or planning material? If you have had experience with fabrics, you may like to join us in this venture. We are still in the planning stage and expect it to be an on-going and enjoyable venture culminating (eventually) in making new vestments for the clergy for which the Vicar is very keen.

Please contact me on 01485570933 or call at Sedge Cottage Docking Road. These are early days and we are still feeling our way so expertise offered will be appreciated. Thank you. Pat Flemming

Deadline Date for April Newsletter – 24th March 2015

THE KING WILLIAM IV COUNTRY INN & RESTAURANT, SEDGEFORD

The King William adds exciting, international flavour to its dining with a special Italian evening on Wednesday, 11 March. Enjoy a glass of sparkling Prosecco as an aperitif, followed by a tempting selection of pasta dishes served buffet style and a traditional Italian dessert – all for £15 per person. Reserve your table by calling 01485 571765. The Inn opens its doors all day on Sunday, 15 March to celebrate Mother's Day – food is served between midday and 9pm. There's the full A La Carte menu to enjoy as well as tasty Daily Specials and Sunday roasts. It promises to be a busy day - make sure you book early. Please note that as at Monday, 30 March food will be served at lunchtime on Monday from noon to 2pm in line with the rest of the week, with dinner starting at the earlier time of 6pm every day. For more news, events and offers, see www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk

SHARP 2015 EXCAVATION SEASON:

4th July-14th August. This seasons courses:

Pottery 1st - 7th August: This week-long course will provide a full introduction to the classification, analysis, and interpretation of ceramic assemblages in archaeology.

Basic Excavation & Recording Techniques weeks commencing 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th July and

1st August: Giving a basic grounding in the principles and techniques involved in field archaeology, this course is aimed at those who have never dug before, whether they are 'A' level students, undergraduates, or those of any age who just have a fascination with the past.

Landscape. 4th-19th July:

A practical introduction to landscape archaeology, based on the Sedgeford landscape and its location in North-West Norfolk.

An Introduction to Human Remains.

18th – 24th July: The course covers basic anatomy, determination of age and sex, dentition and paleopathology, as well as recording methods.

Many of you will know **Ray Thirkettle** who has worked on our animal bones in the past. He is currently in the South Atlantic. Read all about him on Gareth Calway's blog at <http://garethcalway.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/ray-of-hope-3-your-edp-sir.html>

70 YEARS AGO

Bobby Dipper writes - 6th March 1945

General satisfaction is felt in the village that the damage to the United Methodist chapel in the recent fire was very slight. The building, originally the Wesleyan chapel, was built in 1830. The late Mr. T. J. Leggett used to recall worshipping at the chapel in 1845, when it was lighted by tallow candles, and they had no fire, even in the coldest winter. His successor, Mr. G. H. Mace, has a weakness for a good fire, but

although he has been heard to remark that "no one was ever saved with cold feet," it should not be assumed that last week's incident was premeditated.

"SMALLEST AND POOREST"

There were seven applicants within four days for a cottage recently vacated at Sedgeford, although it was not advertised, and the landlords describe it as about the smallest, and poorest in the parish. The applicants included two soldiers serving overseas. While it is nice to record that the tenant selected has been overseas nearly four years, and will shortly be home, it is sad indeed that housing circumstances should necessitate that a soldier with such a record should have to accept the "smallest and poorest." The incident strikingly reinforces the thoughtful and eloquent plea made by Mr. J. E. A. Lambert at Docking district council on Wednesday that every effort should be made to have ready permanent and decent homes for our returning soldiers.

MILK AND WATER

A number of parishioners have waited for some months to have the water supply carried to their doors. In some cases, elderly people are concerned who naturally find difficulty in carrying water from the stand-pipe to their cottages. When men from the water engineers department were observed laying a piped supply to a small cowhouse, there was a strong feeling that the claims of a couple of cows were preferred to those of the old folk. It is only fair to the Water Engineer and the R. D. C. that it should be known that the necessary materials have been awaited for some nine months, and that the application in respect of the cowhouse was made to the council eleven months ago, and even now has not been completed owing to the same lack of materials

WWI Roll of Honour: Edgar George Parsons:

George was the first Sedgefordian casualty of The Great War effort, some 4 months after it started. He died not at The Front, but closer to home off the East Coast, south of Whitby. He enlisted as a Royal Naval Sick Berth Attendant M/3515, aboard the Hospital Ship, H.M.H.S. "Rohilla." George was one of many who drowned on Friday 30 October 1914, when the ship came in too close to shore and hit a reef. Unlike many of his war colleagues who were buried in the Whitby Cemetery, George was brought home to rest. Aged 22. son of George Press and Emma Ellen Parsons of The King William Inn. His grave can be located due north of the lych gate and on the left of the existing footpath. His father is buried beside him.

Special note: The Rohilla was originally a liner with the British India Steam Navigation Company. She was converted to a hospital ship in 1914. Carrying a full crew including medical staff, she hit a reef south of Whitby. Then followed one of the great rescue operations carried out by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, in which three gold and four silver medals were awarded to the lifeboat crews. To read the full story see [HMHS Rohilla - The Wreck of The Rohilla](#)

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