

Sedgeford Village News

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NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL

2010 has come in like a lion and I hope that everyone survived the snow and ice and are ready for the New Year, full of enthusiasm and ideas concerning the future of YOUR VILLAGE HALL. Your Committee has been hard at work, and will produce a detailed plan providing a blue print for the future – this will include “All Weather Playing Area, which I gather is called a Mugga, extensions to the Hall, improved facilities for the Football Club and Floodlighting for night time activities” – you will be kept fully informed at all times. You will notice the work that has started on the present play area, and SCRAGS are to be congratulated on their successful grant applications.

Events planned already are a “St George’s Day Supper and Entertainment, plus the monthly talks” Due to a lot of hard work, the Hall is well used but can always take on more, especially at the weekends. The Football Club are still doing very well and our best wishes for their hoped for promotion to a higher league.

We are urged to improve our green credentials so may I make a special plea for the Post Office – did you know that you can pay your bills, get cash, carry out banking and a lot more as well – so why take your car out, when by walking up the Hill to the Village Hall, you can do it just as easily. If the Post Office facility is not used, there is a severe risk that it will close – so please “USE IT OR LOSE IT”

A very Happy New Year George Eve
Chairman

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY.

Bowls Mon 7.30-9pm

Post Office: Tues 1.30-5.30pm

Thurs 8.30-12 noon Fri 8.30-11am

Yoga A new Yoga class has started on Wednesday mornings 10.00-11.30am. Please contact Sandra Kruger-Daunt on 570485 for further details.

Table Tennis Tues 10.00-12.00 noon Thurs 7-9pm

Keep Fit Thurs 10-11am – new members welcome – Contact Val on 01328 864358

NEW!!! From 19th Jan Tuesday 7.30-9pm

Ballroom Dancing – Absolute beginners learn to Waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Slow Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz and Modern Sequence. £5 per person Call 01485 533414 or turn up on the night – All welcome

Lynda Moore

PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are concerned about the poor quality of internet connections in the village. Peter Goddard has offered to gather information about broadband access and speeds (see separate article). There is also a campaign led by the Borough Council: to register your interest, please visit www.fasterfuture.co.uk

The Wash Estuary Strategy Group is organizing a photographic competition, of photos relating to or inspired by the heritage of the Wash. For details, please ring 01408 425518 or e-mail:-

wash_project@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Sue Crump

BROADBAND IN SEDGEFORD

I have been asked by the Parish Council to carry out a survey of the broadband speeds obtained by Sedgeford broadband users. The broadband speed currently available to the village is poor. But BT claim that the existing cable linking us to the Heacham Telephone Exchange is "fit for purpose" for broadband use. All of the broadband users in Sedgeford will be using this BT cable. If we can prove to BT that Sedgeford residents generally receive a slow broadband speed perhaps we can push BT into making improvements. It is simple to do a broadband speed test but if anyone has difficulties then I would be pleased to help.

We would need the following information for the survey: The telephone number, the down link and uplink broadband speeds obtained and the date and time the test was made - no other information would be sent to BT.

Please support the Parish Council in this!

I can be reached on 579002 or on gdad13@hotmail.co.uk

Peter Goddard

Come along for a very interesting talk on
' Buildings of the Norfolk Landscape'
by **Mr Dominy** on

Friday 19th February in the Village Hall
at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm prompt start

Tickets (to include tea/coffee and biscuits)
available from : Pat Dawson 01485-570889

Maggie Burlton 01485-570991 or on the door.

OPEN GARDENS

The date for Open Gardens in 2010 is 30th May. I cordially invite you to think about opening your garden in aid of St Mary’s Church. All types of garden are of interest to visitors: mature, new, those in transition, large and small. One new one has already been promised. Last year we enjoyed a warm sunny day in contrast to the previous two years. Climate change is confusing some plants and we get spring flowers blooming with early summer plants and all sorts of surprises but we do get a lot of interest for the visitors; they are keen on soil types, layout and design too. There will be more information in later Newsletters so I will leave you with an idea to ‘germinate’

Pat Fleming

LUNCHEON CLUB

The February Luncheon Club is on Thursday the 11th. To book and/or arrange a lift, please phone me at least a week before the lunch on 01485 571352

Janet Frost

NEWS FROM THE KING WILLIAM IV

We had a great award winning start to the New Year. First we received the **Breakfast Award** from the English Tourist Board and secondly are a short listed **finalist** in the Hotel Excellence Awards 2010 in the category of 'Excellence in Business Management'. In 2010 we will remain committed to keep improving **your local** and during January we have completely **refurbished** the conservatory restaurant and put new carpets in the bar and gallery restaurant.

14 February Valentines Day – menu is now available, please request your copy for a romantic candle lit dinner.

16 February Shrove Tuesday – sweet & savoury pancakes available from the specials board, lunch & evening

To assist the fund raising activities of the Sedgford Church committee we will be hosting a **village curry night** in late February or early March. Date to be confirmed. A great event not to be missed.

Fish & Chips Take Away service will continue until the end of March. Pre-order on 01485-571765 and pick up between 6.15 and 7pm. Fridays only.

Quiz Night – every Monday 8.30pm. **All Welcome any day, any time – we look forward to see you!**

Lili Skerritt

The King William IV Country Inn & Restaurant Sedgford
Tel: 01485 571765 web: www.thekingwilliamsedgford.co.uk

SEDGEFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Since the December newsletter the club has played 4 games and won them all. A 3-0 win over Sutton Bridge in the League Cup was followed by league wins against Pentney at home 3-0, Pentney away 8-2 and Snettisham away 9-2 so Sedgford remain top of the league. However, due to the weather, there have been no games played in the league since mid December and we hope to "restart" the season on 23rd January. Home games in February are scheduled for the 6th and 20th

The club held a Disco as the first fund raising event on the Saturday before Christmas and remarkably made a small profit despite the appalling weather that night. The next event will be a Race Night in the Village Hall – please watch notice boards around the village for more details.
Mike Wade

CAROL SINGING 2009

The 23rd December was a very cold and icy night as we set out Carol Singing. Our first stop was to sing under the Victorian Lamp outside Andrew & Anne Johnson's. Next we ventured down Fring Lane to Dave Foreman's house where his family had a

welcome glass of mulled wine waiting for us all, thank you so much Dave.

Next stop the King William again thanks to Nic and Lili and their staff for allowing us to collect in the Pub. Then on to the Vicarage, singing en route, a very big thank you to Annie and Ashley Rogers and friends for making us so very welcome with more refreshments. By this time we were all very cold so it was off to Peter and Pam Goddard's for supper, a very generous thought and we were very grateful. The only downside was that one of our group fell on the ice and broke her wrist. We all hope she is now on the mend. £165.65p was collected for the Church appeal Fund. Our thanks to all who sang and donated and A Happy New Year to all.

Janet & Mike

Frost

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Again we had a great Christmas party with games, plenty of food and wine. Christine Forecast won the 'Best festive earring' competition with her amazing 'dangling walnuts'. Many thanks to our hostess Kate.

Our thanks go to Helen Cummings who hosted our January Cook-in. This year we were entertained by 'The Three Naked Chefs' - Neville Woolley, Tony Rogers and Stuart Moore. They looked fetching in their chef hats and striped aprons and professionally demonstrated a dish each. Neville showed us how to make a giant 'Fish Finger' with layers of trout, spinach, mushrooms, walnuts, parsley and horse-radish encased in puff pastry. Tony prepared tasty Anzac biscuits and Stuart made Masala Scrambled Eggs flavoured with onion, tomato and coriander. All the dishes tasted delicious. Thank you boys for a fun evening. Subscriptions are now due for 2010 please bring £15 (£.4 if you just attend separate single meetings) to our next meeting. Our grateful thanks go to our dedicated committee- Kate, Lynda, Belinda and Menai for all their hard work in making our Women's Group so enjoyable and successful. Our next meeting is on Wed. 10th February, 7.30pm village hall when Veronica Welham will talk about 'Christmas Shoe Boxes- all about the charity'.
Maggie Burl ton

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The total raised in Sedgford was £503.17. This was made up of £47.17 from tins in premises like shops, pubs, and schools; £100.00 in the church collection; and £356.00 from house to house collections. The Appeal for the whole branch this year shows a 6.4% increase over last year, which is excellent in a recession! Many thanks to all who helped or contributed in any

The deadline for the **March Newsletter** will be **Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 5pm**. The **Winter Age Concern Newsletter** has been put on the notice board in the Village Hall. It is worth a read, as there are articles and contacts that may be of help if you have a problem or query re: benefits and various other matters.
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Pamela Austin (Mrs.) Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

Sedgeford & District Branch, The Royal British
Legion