

# Sedgeford Village News

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## VILLAGE FETE

**Saturday 1st August 2pm onwards  
at the Village Hall and Playing Field.**

Fun and Games - Many Stalls – Car Boot  
Teas with delicious homemade cakes  
Come along for a great afternoon  
and support your village.

We also need helpers on the day.  
Please phone Pat Dawson on 01485-570889  
Items still required for prizes for the Tombola  
Stall. Phone Maggie on: 01485-570991  
Thank you

*Maggie Burton*

## SCRAGS

The members of Scrag's have some very good news to share. We have been successful in a grant application from The West Norfolk Partnership. We are to be awarded £25,300!! We have raised £7,000 to date from local fundraising events and for this, we would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and commitment to the Scrag's project.

As we will have £32,300, we now have enough money to begin Phase 1 of the three phases of our project. More details of which will follow. We are now applying for more grants in the hope of being able to complete our playing field 'make-over'.

*Charlotte Hitchings*

## NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL



Very little has happened, since my last report – the Hall continues to be used on a regular basis, but could always do with more bookings. Don't forget the **Village Hall Fete**, the first Saturday in August. Congratulations to the Village Football Club, they have been accepted into the Norfolk League.

Congratulations to **SCRAGS**, who have achieved substantial Grant Aid towards Stage 1 of the Playground Improvements.

My usual comment about litter, particularly behind the present Goal – would you like it if litter was to be placed in your own garden – please **TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU!!**

*George Eve* Chairman

## SEDFORD FOOTBALL CLUB.

We have now been officially accepted in the North West Norfolk League with the season starting in w/c 24<sup>th</sup> August. The next stage is to sign players and form a committee before pre season training starts on July 21<sup>st</sup>. We are having the first meeting of the new club on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall Pavilion and anyone who wants to play, be on the committee or just help informally are very welcome to attend at 7 p.m. There is a lot of work to do before the season begins so any help will be much appreciated. For further information please contact Ian Rix (571162), Stuart Moore (579363) or Mike Wade (579355).

## PARISH COUNCIL

Hastoe Housing Association is on schedule to complete building works within the next couple of weeks. These new homes have now been allocated, in accordance with agreed criteria, and the successful applicants expect to move in during July. Parish Councillors were invited to visit the properties in mid-June: they were very impressed with the quality of the construction and commented on the lovely views across the valley. The Parish Council has argued the case for a development of affordable homes for many years and is delighted to see the project come to fruition.

So far, use of the taxi bus service between Sedgeford and Heacham, which was introduced in April for a 4-month trial period, has been poor. At present, the service is available from Sedgeford to Heacham at 09.30, 11.30 and 14.30 and from Heacham to Sedgeford at 11.15 and 14.15. The operators would be prepared to add a further bus from Heacham to Sedgeford at 17.00 or 17.30, if there is the demand for it. Fares are £1 return, 50p single, with free travel for those with concessionary passes. Journeys must be booked in advance, by phoning 07769 511991. If you would like to know more or have any comments about the service, please contact Bernard Clark on 572793. If the service isn't used, then it is unlikely to continue beyond the end of the trial period. *Sue Crump*

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS - JULY.

Post Office Tues 1.30-5.30pm

Thurs 8.30-12

Fri 8.30-11

Yoga Tues 6.30-8pm

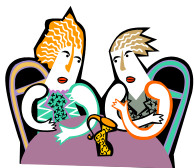
Weds 10.00-11.30

Carpet Bowls Mon 7.30-9

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7pm Hog Roast Frolic *Lynda Moore*

## WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Debra Maloney introduced us to the world of 'Hearing Dogs' at our June meeting and we watched Barnie, a six-month-old puppy who was in training. The charity 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' was set up in the UK 26 years ago by the vet Bruce Fogle (father of Ben of TV fame), the idea having originated in America. Hearing dogs are small or medium-sized dogs who have been selected as puppies from either dog rescues, breeders or donated and are carefully trained to respond to everyday sounds (i.e. alarm clocks, door bells, telephone) and danger signals (smoke or burglar alarms) to alert and assist people who are severely or profoundly deaf. They provide sociability and companionship and help to break down the barriers and isolation that many deaf people face. The dogs first stay with a volunteer socialiser for 9 months and then go to the training centre at The Grange in High Wycombe for 16 weeks training. The recipient then spends a week at the centre with the dog before taking it home with them. The dog is then assessed in its new home for six months before being given its burgundy jacket which indicates it is fully trained. It costs on average £5,000 to train each dog.



We welcomed a new member Barbara Birkett to our group. Next meeting: **SUMMER OUTING** Wed. 8th JULY to Hawk and Owl Trust at Sculthorpe - a

guided walk with refreshments. Meet there at 7pm. Cost £4 per person. Phone Kate (572793) or Linda (579363) to confirm, plus lifts.

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST** Sept Meeting 9th. 7.30pm village hall. Ray Kimber 'There's more to birds than a Titchwell summer.' *Maggie Burlton*

## KING WILLIAM IV

We like to say a **Big Thank You** to all who supported the **RNLI Fish & Chips Supper** at the end of April. We enjoyed a wonderful evening with an excellent raffle and many pledges for Ashley's 3 peaks challenge. At the time of going to press Ashley, Nick & Wim are on their way to the peaks. It is not too late to support this great effort for a very worthy cause if you haven't already done so. Sponsor forms are available from the bar. The RNLI Hunstanton will be most grateful for your support.

Throughout the summer we are open as usual with food & drink served on August Bank holiday Monday. Quiz night every Monday at 8.30pm. **All Welcome!** *Lili Skerritt*

All contributors please note, the deadline for the **August Newsletter** is **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July** at 5p.m.



## OPEN GARDENS – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Sun, beautiful gardens, good food and a warm welcome were on offer to our visitors this year.

I thank everyone who made a contribution to the most successful day ever, with a combined total of £1776.86 towards church funds

*Pat Fleming*

## Guess the Weight of the Cake

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Guess the Weight of the Cake at the Open Gardens on 24th May. The cake weighed 8lb 14oz and was won by Mr Pease from Docking. £115 was raised. *Janet Garratt*

## CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

There will be a Cream Tea Afternoon at the home of Janet and Mike Frost on Saturday 18th July from 3 - 5pm. All proceeds will go towards the Church Festival in August. All welcome.

## PEEPS AT THE PAST - 190 YEARS AGO

This article from the **Times 21 July 1819 p.3 Col C** may be of interest, in view of the little shower of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> which saw Sedgeford cut off for a short while, as deep dips in every road to the village were filled with either water or hill wash from the fields, in the places snowdrifts used to pile up in bad winters up to twenty five years ago. As you will read, things have been worse! *The Eds*

**LYNN, July 15. -During the dreadful thunderstorm** on the evening of Monday se'nnight (5<sup>th</sup> July) the electric fluid struck the top of Sedgeford steeple on the west side, and precipitated to the ground several stones of considerable magnitude, making a breach in the wall about a yard square. The lightning also passed through the church, entering a window near the porch on the south side; and after crossing in a North East direction, it made its escape at two places in an upper window near the Chancel on the North side. An evening school was being held previous to the occurrence which happened about nine o'clock in the evening. The dismay occasioned by the awful conflict of the elements may better be conceived than described; the children rushed out of the church nearly in a state of distraction, uttering the most dreadful shrieks - parents in search of their children - the incessant and vivid flashes of lightning, succeeded momentarily by dreadful peals of thunder, accompanied by torrents of rain and hail, such as were never remembered by the oldest inhabitants, formed a scene truly terrific. A girl about 14 years of age, the daughter of Robert Nobes, was left in the schoolroom, and on being missed, her father went in search of her, when, on entering the schoolroom, he found her lifeless on the floor of the Vestry. Fear is supposed to have been the cause of her death as there was no appearance of the electric fluid entering the room. A few pieces of mortar were detached from the ceiling, which in all probability was effected by the shock of the stones falling to the ground. - *Country paper.*