



# Sedgeford Village News

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## WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP



We enjoyed a fascinating insight in September into Titchwell Reserve from Ray Kimber who has been a volunteer there for 25 years. His colourful slides and knowledgeable talk brought to life another world other than birds. We looked at ponds, plants, trees, weeds, flowers, toads, frogs, rabbits, deer, seals, feral cats, ladybirds (some with white spots on), voles, squirrels, wasp beetles, bees, a vast array of beautiful moths, caterpillars, butterflies (speckled wood, gate keeper and green, to name but a few), brightly coloured dragonflies, hover flies, foxes, a 'bloody nosed beetle' that can't fly, lizards, a shrew, puff balls and Matted Sea Lavender which can only be found in North Norfolk. The reserve contains an encyclopaedia of amazing wildlife just waiting to be discovered.

Next meeting Wed 14th October 7.30pm village hall. Mandy Martin Colour analysis. (Colour me Beautiful Consultant) Bring a friend or friends- it should be a fun evening

*Maggie Emlton*

## PARISH COUNCIL

Norfolk Green's 31-bus service to Fakenham on Thursdays now goes through Sedgeford. The bus stops at the war memorial at Cole Green at 9.45am, arriving in Fakenham at 10.27, and leaves Fakenham for the return journey at 1.00pm. Norfolk County Council has withdrawn the 'taxi-bus' service, saying that it was used very little during the trial period. The Parish Council has urged the County to introduce a regular bus service from Sedgeford to Kings Lynn but their response is that 'the cost of providing a scheduled service is considered unlikely to represent good value' at a time 'when local authority finances are under severe strain'.

Local residents, Parish, District and County Councillors, along with many of those who had been involved in the development, attended the official opening of the ten new homes at Jarvie Close on 7th September. Henry Bellingham MP planted a tree to commemorate the occasion. To see photos of the day, visit [sedgeford.org.uk](http://sedgeford.org.uk).

*Sue Crump*

All contributors please note, the deadline for the **November Newsletter** is **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> October** at 5p.m.

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## NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL

The Summer is fast vanishing into the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and your Committee has been busy organising an exciting winter programme of interesting talks to take place on a Friday evening, once a month - please keep an eye open for them and give them your support.



The replies to the questionnaire sent out requesting views from you as to whether we should aim to extend the present hall, are not exactly flooding in — do please complete them and return as requested. The Football Club is up and running, there is good support and matches are being won as well as lost. The fixture list is on the board opposite the Ringstead turn, so when there is a home match, do come along and support your team.

The Vicar, Peter Cook has arrived and his first service was on the 27<sup>th</sup> September - you will have an opportunity of meeting him in due course - try the Harvest Festival on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 6pm, followed by Harvest Supper.

All the best *George Eve*. Chairman 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The winter season for Carpet Bowls will start on Monday 5th October. 7.30 pm  
All are welcome. The new fees will be £2.20 as from the 1st November. Village Hall, Jarvie close.

*Bernard Clarke*

## FUND RAISING VILLAGE HALL.

The quiz night booked for Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. Watch this space for the new date.



## SEDFORD TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

Arrangements are in full swing for the presentation of our certificate and plaque in recognition of our "awards for all" grant received earlier this year. This will take place on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk will make the presentation. Members from the district and parish councils and members from Lynn sports council will be with us. The tables will be in use, our coach will have his class of youngsters practising.

Club sessions are: Tuesday 10am-12 noon; Thursdays 7pm-9pm.

Please join us if you would like a friendly game.

Charges are adults £2 per session, £1 for children.

*Pat Dawson:*

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### **SEDFORD FOOTBALL CLUB**

The new team has made a great start to the league season winning the first three games by comfortable margins (6-3, 5-1 and 6-2) and are currently top of the league. The only defeat so far was the first game of the season in a local cup competition when we lost 3-0 to a strong Burnham Market team who normally play in a higher league than Sedgford.

In October we have at least 3 away games and possibly 4 depending on results in the Norfolk Primary Cup. Our next league home game is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2 p.m. against Birchwood and as always we would really welcome support at the game. We hope to arrange some fund raising activities in the near future- watch this space!!

*Mike Wade*

### **NEWS FROM THE KING WILLIAM IV**

Christmas menu available for 1/12-26/12 excl. Christmas Day. Bookings now taken.

Quiz night every Monday night 8.30pm. All welcome.

Winter Fish & Chips take away service will be available from the first Friday in November.

Mussel season starting soon. All villagers always welcome any time, do pop in for a drink or a meal. You may be interested to know that on Saturday 26 September a film crew filmed Sedgford and The King William IV for the travel programme Discover Britain. Broadcasting information will be available from our website as soon as published.

[www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk](http://www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk)

Last but not least we have sponsored the company Treasure Trails to produce a 2-hour discovery walk through Sedgford. Great fun for all the family and a pleasant way for a different stroll through our own village. Trails will be available soon from reception at a small charge.

*Lili Skerritt*

### **IN SEARCH OF SEDGFORD ROOTS.**

Greetings to the residents of Sedgford, especially the descendants of the Hudson, Binks, and Leggett families – from a family history freak who visited the village in June this year. I live in Edinburgh, and spent a week in Hunstanton with my husband, son, and dog, in the hope of finding out about my Sedgford ancestors. The week was extremely productive, largely due to the huge amount of help I had from Janet Hammond and her son Tim, who had reconnoitred the graves in the churchyard and cemetery beforehand. The first day we came to do some research was June the 13<sup>th</sup>, which happened to be the day of the great thunderstorm, culminating in flooded roads – which we just managed to negotiate back to Hunstanton before they were closed by the Fire Service and Police. Fortunately we had spent the morning documenting and photographing family gravestones, before sitting in our car to eat a picnic lunch, when

the heavens opened; the thunder and lightning greatly adding to the excitement of our visit.

It was very evocative to see where family members had been laid to rest beside the beautiful church of St Mary the Virgin, and in the village cemetery.

Later in the week we returned to photograph some family landmarks, including the old village hall (which I believe used to be a furniture emporium presided over by my great-great-grandmother Maria Binks – nee Hudson - and her son Edmond Hudson Binks). The War Memorial shows the name of my step-great-uncle Basil Henry Binks. My Leggett great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather were Millers and Bakers in Sedgford, and both families attended the Methodist Chapel. Other family homes are still there – what a relief it was to find that old Sedgford hasn't been redeveloped.

So our visit will be long remembered, and the Norfolk branch of the family tree is now rooted in real life instead of just being a paper exercise. Further details or stories would be received with great interest. *Eleanor Wilkinson.*

### **NOEL JACK WRIGHT**

Sometime ago Mike Sprules gave me a copy of the Royal Chelsea Hospital Newsletter in which the obituary of Noel Jack Wright was recorded and he wondered if anyone in the village remembers him, as he was born in Sedgford 2 Dec 1916 but had moved to Suffolk before he joined the Royal Army Service Corps in 1934. After his training at Aldershot he served as Batman and Store man at Garrison Head-quarters. He was then posted to No1 Field Bakery at Nantes in France being evacuated by a destroyer from St Nazaire. In July 1940 his unit moved to Northern Ireland where he was promoted first to Lance Corporal and posted to 68 Field Bakery becoming a Corporal in June 1942. In 1943 he was posted to Suk El Abor in N.Africa and promoted to Sergeant in May 1943. He returned to the UK in 1944 to the Reserve Holding Unit at Leeds and in May 1945 he was posted to the Supply Depot in Sliema Malta being promoted to Staff Sergeant in the June of that year. On 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1946 Noel was demobbed at Aldershot and was employed by British Metal Plates in Northern Ireland until he rejoined the Army that Year In Dec he was posted to No 2 Holding Battalion in Suffolk and later posted to Gibraltar. In Oct 1947 he was appointed Supply Depot Superintendent and in Oct 1950 was posted to 65 Supply Depot at Colchester. April 1952 found him at 1 Base Supply Depot in Hong Kong promoted to Warrant Officer Class Two. Between 1955-59 Noel served in depots in Germany and Belgium and inlay 1959 he was posted to Bordon and then to Aldershot for his final discharge from the Army. Back in Civvy Street he was employed by the Air ministry at Tattenham then at the PX at USAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. His final occupation was as Postman at Barton Mills for 10 years until his retirement in 1978. Noel was admitted to the Royal Hospital Chelsea on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1991 and died there early this year. . (P.S. If anyone has any memories of N.J.W or the Wright family which they would care to pass on to the Village

History Archive, also memories regarding Eleanor  
Wilkinson's families please let the Eds know either by email  
or phone and we will pass them to the interested parties *Ed*  
*J. H.*)