



Sedgeford Village News

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NEWSLETTER ACCOUNTS

Year ended 30th June 2009

Income	Opening Balance	£207.38
	Donations	£65.00
	Interest	£2.35
		<u>£274.73</u>
Expenditure	Sedgeford PCC (Donation)	£60.00
	Closing Balance	£214.73

The Newsletter has continued to be printed in Docking. All we have been asked for is a donation to the PCC. We are very grateful for this generosity
Donations received from: -

Mr & Mrs Armitage Mrs Carlyle
Mrs Vera Clifford Mrs Fleming
King William Pub Mr Michael Nicholson
Mrs Lucy Waggs

Bill Armitage (Hon. Treasurer).

ASTRO FUND.

The Third Annual Norfolk Family Walk for Brain Tumour Research and Support will be at Holkham Hall on Sunday 11th October. The walks are 1, 3, 6 or 10 miles around the grounds of this beautiful stately home. The one-mile walk for children has games along the way. Prams, trikes and wheelchairs and animals on leads are welcome. Brain Tumours now account for more deaths among children and those under 40 than any other cancer. Join others and raise money for your chosen Brain charity and help us find a cure for this devastating disease. The 2009 "Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours" is a project organised of the International Brain Tumour alliance (IBTA) to raise awareness about brain tumour and to donate the mileage to the World Walk's target of circling the earth five times around the Equator, a total of 125,000 miles and symbolically unites all those who have been touched by a brain tumour.

Organized by the Norfolk Branch of Astro Fund and B.T Buddies. Details 01485 572767
e-mail forecast@sedgeford.eclipse.co.uk
www.astrofund.org.uk

Christine Forecast

FETE – Cake Stall

The response for cakes at the fete stall was excellent. Thank you all for such a variety. quiche and bread were very popular too, the stall took £141-80 on the day. Many thanks again.

Pat Fleming

NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL



Thanks to Pat Dawson and her team of helpers, we had a most successful Fete – well done and

a profit of some £1700 was made. We were thrilled to welcome Amanda Holden, who opened the event and spent some time walking round what was on offer.

The Committee and on your behalf welcome the arrival of the Rev'd Peter Cook and his wife Noreen. Peter will be licensed as your new Vicar, by the Bishop of Norwich, on the 25th September at 7pm, in Docking Church – everyone in the Village is welcome to attend.

Please do fill in the questionnaire sent out with the newsletter.

George Eue August 2009.

SEDGEFORD FOOTBALL CLUB.

The football team is now in training for the start of the season. We kick-off with a cup game on 27th August (Thursday night) but the league proper starts on Saturday 5th September at home to Snettisham Reserves.

The next home game is on 19th September against Sutton Bridge Reserves. All home games kick-off at 2 p.m. The team consists mainly of young players from the village with a few more experienced players, and your support at the home games would be most welcome.

Mike Wade

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

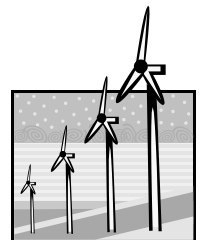
Post Office Tues 1.30-5.30pm,
Thurs 8.30-12 & Fri 8.30-11

Keep Fit Class –

Thursday 10th Sept 10-11am FREE TASTER *Lynda Moore*

WIND TURBINES

More details are emerging for the proposal to build several turbines each 420ft high between Docking, Fring and Bircham Newton. The parish councils have objected to the application and it has now gone to appeal. The Planning Inspectorate intends to deal with it by way of written submissions rather than a public hearing. The three parish councils would prefer the latter and are lobbying the Planning Inspectorate to change its mind together with the help of our MP.



A pressure group has been set up by the three councils –Stop Turbines Ruining Our Lovely Landscape –STROLL. A public meeting was held at Docking on 13th August to outline the potential impact of a wind farm on this site. Some 200 people, including several from Sedgeford attended. Among the points raised against the development were: -

Location of the site –it is 1.35km from the centre of Docking. The prevailing wind would carry low frequency noise from the turbines over the whole of the village. A government report noted that there is a noise nuisance/risk for some people living in proximity to a wind farm.

Tourism and the Local Economy- what would be the impact upon tourism which is a mainstay of our local economy?

Wildlife- this area is a major feeding ground for geese. An array of wind turbines could cause significant rates of bird mortality

If you would like more information or to join the pressure group please ring Bill Robinson 01485 518313, mobile 07973 184480 or email: - info@windfarminfo.org.uk or Barry Grindrod Clerk to Bircham Parish Council. 01485578505 email:bircham-parish-council@hotmail.co.uk

71 YEARS AGO

Many of you will recall that we printed two flashbacks from The Sedgefordian – the Sedgeford Council School magazine for 1938 – last summer on going to camp at West Runton The third of those articles was never printed as more immediate news took precedence. This month we have enough space to take us back to West Runton and come home with the group who got lost on the way!

The Eds

LOST ON THE WAY HOME

On the 6th of August all the children were feeling disappointed as it was our last morning at camp. We got up at 7am. And had breakfast at 7.30am. All we kept saying was "This is our last breakfast in this camp".

We were very busy that morning, packing our clothes, and presents we had bought to take home. After all packing was completed we went on the beach to have a last look at it.

At 9 o'clock, we walked down to the station. Mr Neil packed some biscuits and chewing gum, but forgot to bring them, so he hurried back and brought them to us.

We caught the 9.46 am train at West Runton. When we arrived at South Lynn, we asked the porter if we were in the right train for Heacham, and he said "Yes" so we kept in our carriage, which was reserved for us.

After we had passed a few stations, we found that we were going the wrong way, and were in the wrong train.

We did not stop until we reached Bourne in Lincolnshire. It was a good thing we had some biscuits and chewing gum with us, for we could not get any dinner. We ate them in Bourne Station waiting room.

The porter told us we had 1½ hours to wait. We all took a slip of paper out of the room with us, to show that we had been there. We arrived home at 7 pm, to find our parents anxiously waiting for us. They had been worried, but we had rather enjoyed our adventure. Beryl Critcher

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The annual canvass for the Register of Electors begins at the end of August, when a form and reply paid return envelope will be personally delivered to every property in West Norfolk. Completion and return of the form is both obligatory & important because the Register is used not just for electoral purposes but also by many financial service providers dealing with, for example, mortgages, loans or new accounts. Anyone whose name is not on the Register will not only be unable to vote at the coming General Election but will also be likely to have problems using any service that involves a check of the Register.

The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone expected to be resident at the address on 15th October and who is already 18, or will reach that age by 30th November 2010, needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address crossed out.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15th October simply need the "Property empty on 15th October" box ticking and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

A REPLY IS STILL NEEDED IF THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM IS A SECOND HOME OR HOLIDAY LET

Second home owners may register if at least 3 months of the year in total is spent at the second home. This would give a right to vote in local elections (possibly by a postal vote), although at national elections only one vote would be available and a choice of areas to cast it would need to be made. If residence is for less than 3 months, if a person does not wish to register in West Norfolk as a second home owner, or if a property is used solely for holiday letting, the "Other reason" box can be ticked, "Not eligible" written beside it and the form returned.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.

Early return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet (if you have a Community Information Point in your village a terminal is available there) or text message (details on the form) will avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

All contributors please note, the deadline for the **October Newsletter** is **Tues. 22nd September** at 5p.m. The latest Age Concern Newsletter was put on the notice board in the Village Hall earlier this month.

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