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Sedgeberrow Parish Council

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The parish council was pleased to welcome Andy White as a co-opted member at our March meeting, meaning we have just one vacancy; so if interested in joining the parish council, please contact the clerk or a member below

Recent activity to report include.

- Poles for the new solar powered vehicle activation system (VAS), to replace the one that has failed in the 40mph zone at the Hollows on Cheltenham Road, have now been installed, so our thanks to WCC for their support and to Bob and Woody (our Lengthsman) who plan to install the VAS.
- Supporting a proposed petanque piste at Glebe Meadow, following a well-attended meeting in the village hall on the 18th March.
- We believe that the proposal to build a 78,000 square foot distribution centre behind the Bredon Country store on the A46 between Sedgeberrow and Ashton-Under-Hill has been rejected by Wychavon District Council.
- Submitted a request to WCC to install the missing piece of footpath where Main Street meets the Cheltenham Road.
- Ordered a complete glazing kit to refurbish the book exchange on Main Street housed in the redundant telephone box. Just waiting for a dry period to allow the work to be undertaken. Again, our thanks to Bob for taking the lead, and of course to Sue Beasley for maintaining the book exchange.
- By the time you get this newsletter you should have received a survey (thanks to Clive) to identify what the village would like to see in a new community hall. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity for the village to have a dedicated rather than shared facility, given that there is an offer of land at the former Springfield nurseries and a grant of £250,000 has been secured from Wychavon District Council. We know that it will cost much more than that but securing a site and the first grant are normally the two greatest obstacles.
- WCC plan to repair/renew the bridge that has failed between Sedgeberrow and Aston Somerville/Wormington, once the ground is less saturated. Meanwhile Clive has organised safety strips for the bridge behind Millfield.
- Liaising with WCC over the clearance of drains within the village. Thanks to the vigilance of Richard and support from Councillor Eyre (WCC)
- Sue, Richard and Jem attended the Isbourne Catchment Group update – see separate item

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Just a reminder that the annual parish meeting will take place on the 15th May 2024 at 6.15pm in the village hall – all welcome

Sedgeberrow Community Hall Survey

Hopefully every home in Sedgeberrow has received a letter asking you to complete a survey.

As the survey says its purpose is to get your opinions and ideas on the functions and expectations for the new Community/Village Hall.

What activities would you like to see?

Some ideas:

Yoga, Pilates, Baby Club, Pension Club, Badminton or other indoor sports. How about a small café, a small outdoor entertainment area or a function room.

What about mums waiting to collect their children from School. Meet up with friends, have a coffee and perhaps a piece of cake while you wait. There will be car parking space, so no need to park up in Main Street.

We are just looking for ideas. Think outside the box, as the saying goes.

Remember we have the land and at least £250,000 towards the cost.

As one member of our community said at our last Parish Council meeting:

"you've got the land and money, it's a no brainer, just get on with it"

Sedgeberrow Flood Warning

By Richard Hunt— Sedgeberrow Flood Warden

I wonder how many in our community realise there is a flood warning siren mounted on the roof of the Queens Head. It was acquired by the Sedgeberrow Flood Group after the 2007 flood. Annette Dawson, who was the secretary at the time, managed to obtain the siren from a company who refurbished old units. She must have made a good case for our need as they kindly donated it to our village.

Installation was another story. After the help of Tim State the unit was finally lifted into place on the roof, however, the unit was only suitable for a 3 phase supply (400v), so a converter was required 210v—400v.

First testing was a problem. The fuse blew and all the wiring burnt out. All was fixed and the siren worked fine.

Fortunately Ely Cathedral had seen our plight with the floods and kindly donated £1,000 which covered the cost of the converter and the installation on the roof of the Queens Head.

It was activated last year by the Deputy Flood Warden but luckily the river didn't overtop.

There is a plan to test the siren on **Sunday 12th May.**

It will be turned on for 1 minute, so be prepared.



The Old Village Hall

Who can put a date to this picture and who are these guys?

Before the days of "Health & Safety". Who needs a Safety Harness?

Just muck in and get the job done !!!!!!

Isbourne Catchment Group

The Isbourne Catchment Group annual meeting took place at Abbeyfields in Winchcombe on 21st March 2024.

The chair noted that when the ICG was established, back in 2014, Natural Flood Management was in its infancy but pioneers in the Stroud Valleys and the Vale of Pickering had demonstrated what could be achieved through low-cost interventions. Whilst we had an uphill battle convincing many folks locally that this may be the right solution for the River Isbourne, it is pleasing to see that NFM is now adopted government policy.

According to various national reports it would appear that the 3 winter months (December to February) have been the wettest recorded with almost a third more rain than normal. A fact echoed by data produced by Wychavon District Council.
With data such as this, one would have anticipated significant flood events on the Isbourne, and whilst the river has peaked several times, the group is not aware of any flooding of property.

It is difficult to establish a direct causal link between the work that our partners at the Environment Agency, WCC, FWAG and others have undertaken on the catchment over the last few years as no two rainfall events are the same; for example, on 3rd January 2024 the River Avon at Evesham broke its banks and flooded but the Isbourne was low suggesting that the catchment had escaped that rainfall event.
However, it is quite clear that rainfall patterns are becoming more intense and therefore the chances of flood events are likely to rise, so consequently it is as important as ever to maintain progress on Natural Flood Management across the catchment.
Jo Leigh of the Farming Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) gave a comprehensive presentation of the works undertaken across the catchment since the last full meeting. Jo has taken on the delivery of natural flood management measures on behalf of Wendy Bufton, who has a wider remit across the whole of Worcestershire following the success of the pilot works on the Isbourne, Badsey Brook etc. Recent works have been undertaken at

Postlip
Sudeley Hill
Laverton Hill
the Isbourne Trading Estate
and at Orchard Farm and on the Langley Brook in Winchcombe.

It was noted at the last AGM 150 interventions had been achieved and now a further 21 interventions have been delivered, totalling 171 across the catchment.
The audience welcomed the on-going work and looked forward to further works as opportunities arose with landowners

For more information and to see the presentation please see the website https://isbournecatchment.org.uk/ or contact village members
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Richard Hunt king.888@hotmail.co.uk
Jem Williamson jem.williamson@outlook.com

Wychavon Parish Games 2024

Sedgeberrow hopes to participate in all the Wychavon Parish Games events this year - a series of games organised for the benefit of those who wish to enjoy friendly competition. All participants must reside in Sedgeberrow parish.
At the recruitment evening in February more than 50 parishioners said they were willing to join in events across the summer.

Teams so far are :-

Event	Date	Venue	Team Captain
Rounders	Sun 30th June	Badsey	Lindsey Reynolds
Men's 5 Aside	Sun 7th July	Evesham	Marcus Pope
Cross Country	Mon 15th July	Evesham	Ben Harrison
Bell Boating	Sat 20th July	Pershore	Jim Morris
Petanque	Sun 28th July	Evesham	Alan Harris
Angling	Sat 14th Sept	Evesham	Richard Hunt
Bowls	Sun 22 Sept	Evesham	Matt Hartwell
Table Tennis	Sun 6th Oct	Evesham	Matt Hartwell

All other events are pub-based and will start in September.

Captains are:-

Darts Men -	Clive Jackson
Darts Ladies -	Abigail Harris
Crib -	Clive Jackson
Pool -	Richard Hunt
Skittles -	Martyn Woodhouse
Dominoes	Lyn Chubb

All the captains are encouraged to look at the names of those that have volunteered and try to set up some sort of selection process.
Each captain has a copy of the rules and regulations, venue details etc.

Any questions please contact
Sue Morris (07896 160453) and Rick Hartwell.


WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES
EVENTS
CROSS COUNTRY
ROUNDERS
SENIOR TABLE TENNIS
5 A SIDE FOOTBALL
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
LADIES DARTS
POOL
BOWLS
MENS DARTS
PETANQUE
CRIB
DOMINOES
BELL BOATING
ANGLING
SKITTLES
CONTACT US FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO ENTER
WWW.WYCHAVONGAMES.ORG
OR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES -HOME

Events @ Sedgeberrow Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to share details of future events booked at The Betteridge Room and The Village Hall.

Sedgeberrow Art & Craft Group
Monthly meet ups, bring your own craft, drinks, and snacks. The next meet up is Friday 17 May.

Relaxation Club
Feel the benefits of positive focus & stress management and recharge your battery. Friday 10 May, Friday 7 June and Friday 5 July.

Yoga Class
Sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays for all levels, from 6:30pm.

The WI
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, usually in The Betteridge Room. Non-members are welcome to attend up to 3 meetings a year.
The next meeting is Tuesday 21st May at 7:30pm and the topic is Resolutions, mixed with a social evening.

The Parish Council
The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 15 May, commencing with the Annual General Meeting at 6pm.
The agenda will be published on their website closer to the date.

Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting
We invite all residents of Sedgeberrow to attend our annual general meeting on Thursday 16 May at 8pm.
Our agenda will be published on our website and Facebook page closer to the date.

Booking Events
If you would like to run your own event, group or session please visit our website for how to book: www.sedgeberrowvillagehall.co.uk

Please also follow our Facebook Page, where we advertise all events happening at The Village Hall: www.facebook.com/sedgeberrowvillagehall



St Mary the Virgin
Sedgeberrow

Calendar of events

All Services at 10 am

St Mary the Virgin

May 5th 10am Holy Communion

May 12th 10am Family Service

May 19th 10am Holy Communion

May 23rd 10am Coffee Morning

May 26th 11-30am United Benefice Service at Hampton

June 2nd 10am Holy Communion

June 9th 10am Family Service

June 16th 10am Holy Communion

June 23rd 10am Family Service

June 27th 10am Coffee Morning

June 30th 10am Holy Communion

July 7th 10am Holy Communion

July 14th 10am Family Service

July 21st 10am Holy Communion

July 20th 2pm Fete at Church

July 21st 10am Family Service

July 28th 10am Holy Communion

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month
in the Village Hall, Sedgeberrow WR11 7UF
We welcome new members

Contact: Angela Bravington, Secretary
07967 116833

Next Meetings:

21st May -
Resolutions and Social Evening

18th June -
Garden Party, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow

16th July -
"Tasting the Tudors" courtesy of the John Moore Museum Tewkesbury

No meeting in August
Programme for all 2024 now available

Book Exchange

Old Telephone Box in Main Street
Please place new books in plastic box outside.
These will be sorted and placed in position later

No tatty books please.

"Sedgeberrow in Bloom”

Sedgeberrow in Bloom” was formed some years ago with aim of beautifying our village. The most visible achievement was the installation of planters at the entrances to the village and tidying up the beds in Glebe Meadow.

The group also arrange bulb sales once or twice a year and these have proved a success in raising funds.

If you would be interested in helping or have any suggestions, please contact Clive Jackson on:

clive@sedgeberrowpc.org.uk or

Richard Hunt on richard@sedgeberrowpc.org.uk"

Cut off date for next edition
Articles and Adverts 20th July

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DEFIBRILLATOR

We have 2 units in the village

Location;

Unit 1 Porch outside the front of the Betteridge Room next to the School,

Unit 2 Lychgate at the Church

County Mobile Library

10.30 to 10.45	17th June	- Sedgeberrow School
10.30 to 10.45	15th July	- Sedgeberrow School
10.30 to 10.45	19th August	- Sedgeberrow School

This should equate to the 3rd Monday of every month

Enquiries about this service should be made by contacting:-

TEL: 01905 822722 or emailing
mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk

May 2024

As we begin our summer term, we are all eager for the warmer and sunnier days ahead. We have already had a successful start to the calendar year and are excited for the events we have planned.

We all enjoyed the assembly taken by Rev. Mark Binney. It was lovely to see the children so engrossed as he spoke so powerfully, what Jesus' sacrifice meant for us all at Easter. From all of us at the school we want to send a heartfelt thank you to Rev. Mark Binney for all his years serving the community and we hope you enjoy your retirement. It has been a pleasure working alongside Rev. M. Binney. Thank you.

Our pre-school is evolving nicely and it has been wonderful to see the children settle in and grow in knowledge and confidence with a different theme each week. From a particular story to the world around them or the great outdoors. Our youngest children are progressing brilliantly. We are so pleased with the development of the preschool since opening in September.

So far this year the girls netball team has shown great sportsmanship in their tournament within our local cluster schools. We are also proud of our Floorball Team (Girls & Boys) The Girls' Floorball Team did exceptionally well but missed the final of the game by the skin of their teeth. We are very proud of both teams and have seen many successes in sports. On Tuesday 16th April our schools swimming team won the Evesham Gala. We are so proud!

Looking ahead, we have much to be excited about. The Year 4 and Year 5 residential trips are on the horizon. We also have some fantastic educational experiences lined up, including a Roman workshop for Year 3 and a trip Bishops Wood for Year 3 and 4. The school and preschool have also planned their yearly trip to Sandfield Farm – A date in the diary we always enjoy!

The children at Sedgeberrow School come to school with a smile and go home happy, which is a testament to the dedication of our staff. Our primary goal to support, protect, and love the children is truly at the heart of everything we do and is happening daily here at Sedgeberrow School.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead, filled with growth, learning and memorable experiences for all

The Queens Head – award winning food in Shukur's restaurant and fantastic family takeaways as well.
Great real ales, beers, wines & cocktails.
The village meeting place for one and all

Spring/Summer Diary

Wednesday , April 24th. 'Dine in Happy Wednesday'.
A special evening menu at £18.95 per person

Sunday , May 12th – Monthly Quiz.
7.30pm for 8pm start. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday , May 29th. 'Dine in Happy Wednesday'.
A special evening menu at £18.95 per person

Sunday, June 2nd - Monthly Quiz
7.30pm for 8pm start. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, June 16th – Father's Day
Join us for a special meal on Dad's special day.
We are open from 3pm to late. Our full a La Carte menu is available all day .Under 10's are half price and Dad eats free on tables of 4 or more

Sunday, June 30th - Monthly Quiz
7.30pm for 8pm start. Everyone welcome

Wednesday , July 31st 'Dine in Happy Wednesday'.
A special evening menu at £18.95 per person

We are open every day for our full Take Away service"
Call us or order on line to order your family takeaway.
10% discount on all orders over £15.
Visit our website for our full menus.

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or at www.facebook.com/shukursatqueenshead