

OLD SEDGWICK



The River Kent Stepping Stones at Sedgwick around 1900. In the background is the "Swing Bridge" built by F.J. Willacy – David's great-grandfather in 1874. David reports that.....The bridge was used to access to Swindhurst's Gunpowder Works. Thanks to David for the picture.

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Boyan Holmes; The Oaks, 61644

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Meetings

2nd Wednesday of every Month:

9th September /14th October/11th November

Village Hall; 7.30pm

Each meeting includes a Public Forum as part of the agenda for any resident to ask questions, raise items of concern or simply comment on issues

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Summer Newsletter

August 2015



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of Sedgwick

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From the Chairman

WELCOME to our Parish Council Newsletter.

There have been many changes to the membership of the council in recent times as we have lost long serving councillors Graham Wadsworth , Alan Bobbett and Hannah Gardner and next month we say goodbye to our wonderful Clerk Jacky Davidson who is moving to the South Coast and exciting pastures new. Our most sincere thanks go to them for their years of service to the council. We have already filled the positions on the council as John Oscroft, George Willacy and Richard Gill have joined us and we are delighted to introduce our new clerk, Sylvia Roberts. It is great to have so many skilled, enthusiastic and hard working people involved in carrying out the work of the Council.

The Council is, as always, involved on your behalf, in a range of local issues. These include our “routine” duties such as managing and maintaining our significant Parish Amenities such as the Millennium Field and playground, our own stretch of the Canal and village green area, as well as responding to more urgent issues. Highways issues continue to dominate and we have succeeded in getting the need for work to repair the pavements on Hill Close and resurfacing on Crosscrake Lane, around the railway bridge recognised and both are scheduled to take place soon. We are also about to begin the resurfacing of the path at the Village Hall to improve disabled access to the rear of the building. The replacement of the old Village notice board is also underway.

Parish Councils are funded via South Lakeland District Council by YOU, the residents, from the Parish “precept” portion of each household’s Council Tax Bills. Our aim is not only to address Parish priorities that we identify, but also to respond directly to your needs and opinions.....so it is important for us to know and understand what they are. Creating a “Parish Plan” is a process which helps Councils better understand the opinions of people living there and enables them to plan and prioritise more effectively. It would give us a much improved idea of how to serve the village. We would like to formulate such a plan in the coming months, but can only do so if you, the residents , will share your views and aspirations. We are planning an initial meeting in October to discuss how we can begin work and formulate a questionnaire , which will then be circulated, collected and analysed so it can feed directly into a short, medium and long term plan for our Parish and thereby make our work more relevant. We realise that people are very busy but if you are able to offer any amount of time - even if it is just a couple of hours to attend the first meeting to help shape a questionnaire , please contact me on Sedgwick 61644. In the mean time, the public participation section of our next Parish Council meeting is an opportunity for villagers to raise, or comment on, any other issues, and as always, we welcome your contributions to our meetings .

Boyan Holmes, Chairman

SEDGWICK VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will take place on
Monday 21st September 2015 7:30pm

After many years as chairman of the committee, David Willacy is stepping down and so the Village Hall Committee need to find a new leader.

The Village Hall is an incredible asset to the village and is home to many community groups. If there is anyone willing to help continue the fantastic work of the Village Hall Committee, please contact David (details on back page).

Other News

Electricity North West's PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

We would like to bring to your attention a fantastic scheme operating across the area aimed at supporting anyone who faces particular difficulties if there is a power cut. For anyone with mobility, medical or financial needs, unexpected power cuts can cause significant problems but if you join the priority services register, you can benefit from a wide range of extra support. They can provide practical help such as an emergency pack, portable generators for domestic medical equipment and even warm meals. There is a very simple application process which enables you access this help. For more details visit electricitynorthwest.co.uk/priority, telephone 08001954141 email ; enquiries@enwl.co.uk or contact Boyan Holmes on 61644. If you need help with your application or further information, please ask! Everyone is reminded that during power cuts, most modern land line phones do not work – increasingly people are being caught out. It is sensible to keep an older model phone so you can keep in touch during power cuts.

Police Links

We keep in regular touch with our hard working local PCSOs who attend our meetings and send us reports. If you need to contact them please ring 101 and ask for one of the officers responsible for our area. They are always there to help.

Cold Calling

The village continues to receive calls from a variety of door to door salespeople, particularly those claiming to be from probation services based in the north-east. Even though some carry what look like legitimate ID cards, they are not sanctioned by these services and are not trading legally. Recently, some callers have been abusive and threatening. The police advice is not to open the door to these people if you do not want to. If cold callers do call, please log the incident by calling 101 – our PCSOs follow up these calls and try to prevent further calls. In the autumn, SLDC are introducing new arrangements for establishing community led Cold Calling Zones and we have already expressed an interest in Sedgwick becoming one of these new zones.

Recent Burglaries.

Outbuildings and stables continue to be targets for organised and large scale theft so residents are reminded to make sure buildings are locked. There was also a burglary in Natland recently so household security should remain a priority.

MILLENNIUM FIELD

Our Millennium Field continues to be well used and much appreciated. As the summer continues, remember to visit the field and enjoy the facilities there. Please help keep the area tidy and safe .