

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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**Our new
outdoor
gym**

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From the Chairman

It was fantastic to see so many people at our Annual Parish Meeting on March 16th. Thank you to Richard Gill for his talk on photography, to the representatives from village groups who gave reports and everyone for attending. It was wonderful to be able to report on such a successful year. Comments and suggestions made on the evening will be discussed at our next council meeting and will help us in our decision making in the future. We have a busy time ahead as we continue to implement the Canal Management Plan and pilot the new county wide Cold Calling Initiative.

Post Flood Action We continue to press for improvements to the drainage along Back Lane to prevent a repeat of the flooding in December and action to reduce traffic problems caused when Sedgwick is used as a diversion route. The deteriorating state of our roads is also a concern and we have logged requests for repairs at Riverside, Cooper Hill, Carex Farm Junction and Crosscrake Lane. Repairs to the footbridge are imminent; The National Trust, who owns the bridge, hopes to complete repairs, carry out testing and re-open it as soon as possible. Please do not use the bridge until then.

Defibrillator Thanks to the Village Hall Committee, especially Diana Holmes and David Willacy for their work in providing the Parish with a fully automated **Public Access Defibrillator**, which is located at the Hall. Over 40 people attended special training sessions during March; an incredible turnout. It is a great asset to the village!



New Outdoor Gym Our grant from Lakes-Leisure has enabled us to install a range of adult fitness equipment at the Millennium Field. They are already proving very popular! They will be officially opened on April 16th -see opposite. Each piece of equipment is labelled with instructions and there is further safety guidance located nearby so users are advised to read and observe the advice.



Transparency Funding Our Clerk Sylvia has gained a grant of almost £1,000 to enhance “Transparency” which involves how we use technology in our communication and administration. This money will enable the installation of a free broadband service in the Village Hall and the purchase of a computer and printer.

Canal Conservation Our ongoing longer term initiative to ensure that the parish-owned section of the canal is well managed continues. We have commissioned advice from Woodland Management specialists and we are currently negotiating access so that their recommendations can be followed.

Dog Fouling and Parking We have been contacted by several people about these issues... We know the majority of dog-owners respect the by-laws and collect and dispose of waste responsibly but there are still a few that let their dogs foul the footpaths or leave unsightly bags littering the area. With the onset of spring, there will be more people around, especially children, so please make sure our paths remain clean. We have also heard of several instances where cars parked near to the Well Heads Lane junction have created a hazard and, as there have been several near misses, our PCSO’s have become involved. Please make sure all cars are parked not just legally (more than 10m away from the junction), but also safely.

Queen Elizabeth’s Birthday Celebrations Our Parish is joining with Stainton Parish to light a beacon as part of the nationwide celebrations on April 21st to mark the 90th birthday of the Queen. The beacon will be lit at around 7pm and then there will be a Jacob’s Join Supper in Sedgwick Village Hall. Please come along!

COLD CALLING Our area has a long established problem with unwanted cold callers and the Parish Council are proposing that we become an official NO COLD CALLING zone. The County Council have a new process in place and we are one of the first parishes to apply. Please read the important information which accompanies this newsletter and support this initiative by returning the questionnaire.

Sedgwick and Social Media We now have a Sedgwick Parish Twitter account and Facebook page. During Storm Desmond many people used Facebook and Twitter as valuable sources of information and we are finding it a really useful way of keeping in touch with residents and circulating interesting and vital information - why not visit us on Facebook and Twitter and even post information back to us.



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MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of every Month:
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

County Councillor;

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Parish Events The Parish Council and WI are organising a Litter Pick Morning on April 16th followed the official opening of our Outdoor Gym. We are asking for as many volunteers as possible to come to the Village Hall at 10:30 onwards, where you will be directed to a small stretch of road to pick litter. We will provide gloves and bags. The WI has very kindly offered to serve refreshments. At 12, we will gather in the Millennium Field to officially open the new Outdoor Gym for adults. Please support this event.

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YOUR PARISH NEEDS



FOR OUR LITTER PICK

April 17th 2016

Starts 10:30am at the Village Hall
Refreshments kindly supplied by the W.I.
and please stay on for the opening of our new

Outdoor Gym at 12



You are invited to
**STANTON AND SEDGWICK'S
Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon**

Crosscrake, Stainton
And after at Sedgwick Village Hall
for a Jacob's Join supper

**21st April 2016 7pm
at Crosscrake**