

Sedgefield News

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By the villagers for the villagers of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon
September 2005



In the library are (left to right) Ruth Smart, Vanessa Brown, Catriona Hancock, Councillor Dudley Waters, Michael Jones, Alison Hodgson (Local History)

Local children bring the past alive

Five children from Rectory Row School gave up a morning of their summer holidays to help put together a children's heritage trail for Sedgefield. They, along with their classmates, have been working on ideas during the school year and met to walk the trail one more time and devise a series of quiz questions to go with it. They have written some stories based on events in past Sedgefield history and have suggested some logos which may be used on the trail.



The children's trail is part of the **Sedgefield Heritage Trail** currently being put together, to be ready during the autumn.

The trail will start at the newly restored village pump and follow a route around some of the oldest parts of the village; an accompanying leaflet will give relevant information.

A grant of over £23,000 from the Local Heritage Initiative in conjunction with the Countryside Agency has made this project possible and it is hoped that the finished trail will be a real asset to the village.



Hannah Priestley-Leach joins Michael & Catriona on the trail. Rt, Cllr Waters, Vanessa, Alan Smart & his grand-daughter Ruth

Young people may also be interested in a Time Capsule Competition - see page 8

For Skateboarders & Bikers

The ramps and rails of SPLASH's rocking Airtime programme will be at Sedgefield Community College on **Thursday 1st September** from 10am - 12 noon and 1 pm - 3 pm. Shaun Atherton, winner of the skateboarding competition at the last Sk8 Jam, will be there to inspire you.

Oh happy band! Sedgefield Club Senior Citizen Members line up for their summer trip to Blackpool. A good time was had by all.



Mordon show inspires poetic musings



The Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall Association Annual Home Produce Show was held on Saturday 6th. August, and although the number of entries was down on last year, a very successful show was the result and the Village Hall Funds, following the auction of goods, were swelled by the princely sum (for us), of £170. Mary Peacock composed a poem, (right) which just about sums up the situation!

Show Results. Winner of the Terry Blackie Memorial Plate was Mavis Elders. First runner up Ann Elders and Second runner up, Cathy Hall.
Children's Section. Joint winners of the John Robinson Cup were Georgina and Joe Peacock, pictured below.

Special thanks to Sue Whitehouse, Bev Stevens, Wendy & Dave Sayers for organising the event, and to everyone else who made the day great.



Sedgefield Farmers' Market Update

I'm so pleased the damp weather didn't put you off coming to the August Market. It was a busy morning and your support was certainly appreciated!

We had 2 new stalls - Touch of Class (soaps) and Loopy Lisa's (fudge) who are both keen to come back. The September market will see the return of Mellanby's (homegrown vegetables) and hopefully another couple of stalls. Keep any eye out for the posters round the village the week before the market to see who'll be there.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve, please 'phone me on 0774 3337960. The next Farmer's Market will be on the Village Green on Sunday 11th September. Hope to see you there!

Joanne Martin, Sedgefield Farmers' Market Co-ordinator

Ode to Village Life

TV, the car and the working life
Means no time or need for village life.
A few exceptions, hence this show,
But look around-see numbers low.

Children's parties in the village hall?
No way! MacDonalds, quad bikes call.
There really are some first class nights
With lots of laughs and funny sights.

And Sports Day too is the greatest fun
From toddlers to Grans, all trying to run.

But sadly too few villagers go.
What they're missing they just don't know.

Licences for this, insurances for that.
It must be done or THEY'LL smell a rat.

Tony's laws try to stop our pleasure
But to stay in the house –
is that really leisure?

Village life of old is dying.

A fact of life there's no denying
A few work hard to keep it alive,
Without them it would not survive.

Good luck, good health to all those who care
And enjoy Village Life – a breed too rare.

Elaine's Great North Run

18th September - 3 weeks to go. I can't believe how quickly this summer has gone! The training is going well and I have managed several 10 mile runs now. I've been doing most of my training in the evenings, but for the last couple of weekends have been out in the morning trying to get used to running in the daytime and over lunch in readiness for the event itself. I've been lucky so far (touch wood) with no major injuries, just some slight pain in my knees that fortunately hasn't stopped me training.

The fundraising is also going well. I have set myself a target of raising a minimum of £1000 and between friends, family and colleagues am well on the way to achieving it.

You will remember that I am running in aid of Cancer Research UK who have and continue to contribute to a brighter future for cancer sufferers.

Mortality rates from cancer in men and women have decreased by 15% in the past 10 years and with a team of 3000 world class scientists and doctors, Cancer Research UK plays a key role in ensuring that these *(continued opposite)*

SLYC Singing makes for happy memories

To celebrate 20 years of Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir a 'scratch' reunion concert will be held in Ceddesfeld Hall on Sunday 4th September. The existing choir will be joined by past members in an informal performance of some old favourites. All ex members of the choir are welcome to join in.

Rehearsals will be held in the hall at 2pm on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th, before the concert starts at 7pm.

The concert is a double celebration as Thomas Guest, a member of the choir for 12 years, has successfully applied to attend the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA). Any funds raised will go towards his immensely expensive tuition fees for next year.

If you are interested in catching up with old friends and joining us for this concert, please contact either Sandy Clubley on 620609, or Rob Guest on 622185 or at robert_guest1982@yahoo.co.uk. Details are on the Diary page. We hope to welcome our past supporters as well as our old boys & girls!

statistics keep improving.

If you would like to sponsor me I have set up a webpage on a Cancer Research UK approved site and the address is www.justgiving.com/elainegreatrun. Alternatively you are welcome to drop your name, address and sponsorship through my letter box at 33 Rectory Row Sedgefield. Every penny donated will go straight to the charity and if you provide your full name, address and postcode they will also be able to claim 28p from the government for every pound donated.

I find it very hard to ask people for money and would like to thank everyone for their support with both training and fundraising, especially my friends and family, Trimdon Community College Slimming World Group who have encouraged me to lose some weight ready for the event and all my colleagues at Caterpillar. I'll let you know in the next issue just how I get on with the run itself! *Elaine MacIntosh*

JOB VACANCIES

Sedgefield Town Council in partnership with Sedgefield Community Association

If you are self-motivated, with a genuine interest in our community, good communication skills and relevant experience then please apply to be our

Part-time COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER(S)

Salary LC Scale 15: £14,664 (*pro-rata*)

Closing Date: Monday 19th Sept 2005

We wish to appoint *either* 1 person, on a permanent 24 hrs per week basis, as our Community Development Officer to support the delivery of the Town Plan, to play a significant role in sourcing funding for and developing projects and provide general assistance to the Town Clerk. You will also be responsible for much of the IT work including updating our Website and other information.

or 1 person for 16 hrs per week, to carry out the above role minus the IT/Computer work

and a 2nd person to work 8 hours per week as IT Officer

For an informal discussion please contact Lesley Swinbank on 01740 621273.

Also required: PART-TIME RELIEF CLEANER

2 hours each Saturday and Sunday at Ceddesfeld Hall; Weekend work in Parish Hall as necessary; Holiday & sickness cover at Parish Hall, Council Offices & Ceddesfeld Hall. Rate of pay **£5.65** per hour.

Further details and application forms for all posts from the Council Offices, Advice and Information Centre, Sedgefield. **Tel. 01740 621273**

Sedgefield Out of School Fun Club

Part time Vacancies for Playworkers/Leaders

We are looking for fun loving 18+ year olds who enjoy working with children. Experience an advantage but not essential!

Hours are to suit as we have vacancies for the morning (7.45-9am) and afternoon (2.45-6pm) shifts.

Please send CV and covering letter to Joanne Tinkler, Sedgefield out of School Fun Club,

Rectory Row, TS21 2BJ

or phone **01740 623565** for details

If you love 'Folk' make a beeline for Trimdon

Trimdon Festival starts on **September 9th** with a concert in Trimdon Labour Club with local artists Skerne, Martin & Faye Nesbitt (father and daughter duo), Judith Garbutt - and the amazing Doghouse Skiffle Band. Be sure not to miss the jam session between this group and Skerne! There's a musicians' session in The Bird In Hand with well-known Northumbrian piano accordion player, Johnny Handle, and a singaround in the Red Lion Pub, hosted by Bill Redhead from the South Shields Folk Club.

Saturday 10th sees a themed carnival parade by local school children through the village, and spoon players will converge on The Bird in Hand on for the Spoons Playing Championship. Champion Bert Draycott is providing spoon workshops and further entertainment will be provided by the all female Pengwyn Rapper Sword dancers as well as music by The Scratch Band and The Teesside Fettleers. The highlight of the festival is a gala concert on Saturday evening featuring the John Wrightson Band.

A festival 'survivors' session in The Black Bull at lunch time on Sunday 11th rounds off proceedings.

For more information and booking details contact the festival box office on 01388 815827 or visit our website www.trimdonfestival.co.uk

Community Safety & Health Matters

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch

We apologise for cancelling the August meeting but look forward to normal service in October. Meanwhile here are the **Crime Figures for our Village for the period 13/06 – 07/08/05**
Theft 11; Damage (property & vehicles) 6; Drugs 1; Burglary 1

Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch & Crime Prevention Panel Supports ICE

By entering the ICE (an acronym for In Case of Emergency) into a Mobile Phone's address book, users can log the name & number of the person they wish to be contacted in an emergency. This will help emergency services particularly if the nominated person is able to give consent for emergency treatment &/or provide other important information to the services (e.g. allergies medication etc.).

If you wish you can nominate more than one person by storing **ICE 1, ICE 2** and so on. By adopting this nationally recognised scheme you can assist rescue services to assist you in what could be a life-threatening situation.

Unwanted calls

Do you know that recent legislation states that it is now illegal to contact a person who no longer wants to receive unsolicited calls? Contact the **Telephone Preference Service (TPS)** on **0845 07700 707** and they will contact companies throughout the U.K. and notify them of your requirements.

You can also call the **Silent Callguard Service** on **0870 444 3969** to rid yourself of "silent" calls (those that have no one there when you pick up) If you prefer, you can write to: - **Telephone Preference Service, FREE POST 29 LON20771 London W1E 0ZT** or go online to: www.tpsonline.org.uk

New You - Weight No More!

Are you motivated to make healthier choices? Want to get slim for Christmas? Do you want to change your lifestyle? If the answer is YES we have the course for you. Come along to the new **FREE** weight management courses starting at **Ceddesfeld Hall** on **Wednesday 7th September** from **1.00pm** until **3.00pm**.

As well as a weekly weigh-in, health professionals will be there to support you and provide information on various health issues. You will receive dietary advice and be able to try out different kinds of exercise. You will be given lots of resources to help you make informed choices about the food you buy, including information on salt, fat and sugar intake and food labelling. The course uses information designed by South Durham and Darlington Dietetic Service and we can also provide support for people with specialist dietary requirements.

Healthy Lifestyle Weight Management Courses are a fun way to meet new people, learn new skills and become healthier. These 12-week courses are free, why not start your new lifestyle now?

To book a place please call the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234, hurry places are limited.

PC Todd reports

At this time of year our gardens are in full bloom, which makes them more attractive to 'low life'. Recently gardens have been plundered of ornamental trees and shrubs, and even humble bedding plants have not been safe. A garden bench went for a walk, as well as decorative paving slabs, garden lanterns and - would you believe it - a bra which was hanging on a washing line! Really mean was the theft of a child's bike and scooter. A lock on your garden gate is a good deterrent.

I would also like you all to consider your home security for a moment. Read on and ask yourself - do you do things any differently? A house burglary occurred recently on Spring Lane. During the night burglars tried the door handles and found the new kitchen door unlocked (the owners were asleep upstairs). They entered, stole a handbag and wallet, and finding the car keys hanging behind the door, helped themselves to the smart Ford Mondeo parked on the drive. The vehicle has still not been found. So please - if the cap fits...think!

Not forgetting our friends in Bradbury, owners of a tractor left in a field overnight were the latest victim of crime, when someone helped themselves to the radio from the cab.

Pub Watch

At our last meeting we welcomed representatives from the Hardwick Hall Hotel and the Little Chef into our Pub Watch 'family' which should add to the success already achieved by members. We are currently seeking information on two males who threw rotting fish into the entrance of the Hope Inn. These slippery customers need a good grilling to find out why they did it!

Until next time
Keith

Tim's Tips

Please do not park on yellow lines, or on (or near) dropped kerbs. One can get you a fixed penalty and the other will only upset someone. If you are taking your dog for a walk, remember to take a "doggy bag"; collect yours **FREE** from the Council offices, the library or my office in Ceddesfeld Hall.

Nb – I will issue a fixed penalty fine of £50 if I catch you littering or allowing your dog to foul in Sedgefield.

Tim Spearey is your Community Warden and you can contact him on 623654

The Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Advice and Information Centre, Front Street, Sedgefield, is now open every Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Noise – Hardwick Hall Hotel

Concerning the ‘To the Manor Born’ Garden Party, to be held on Bank Holiday Week-end, Sunday 28th August 2pm – 1am, should residents be disturbed by noise, the organisers of the event want complainants to contact them on 01740 620253. They will then come out to complainants’ homes, with the Council Environmental Officer, and will take measures to reduce sounds to acceptable levels.

If you have difficulty getting a satisfactory response, or are unable to record your complaint, please telephone the local police on 0845 6060 360 and they will record your complaint.

Sedgefield Residents’ Association

Phishing - web users beware

Yes, it is pronounced fishing but has nothing to do with catching cod. It’s all about catching inexperienced people and extracting confidential information from them.

Most phishing starts with an E-mail from a bank or business. The commonest type that I have received is from a bank and asks me click on a link so that I can update my security information. Other messages suggest that your account is being used fraudulently and you need to login to stop it. The linked website (and the E-mail) use logos from the actual bank in question so it is easy to be fooled into thinking that it is genuine. However, it is all a scam.

Real banks never ask for your security information unless you are actually logging in to do Internet banking and then you should use the address stored in your Favourites/Bookmarks to reach the website. Links in E-mails should always be treated with suspicion, particularly if they are associated with finance, because you cannot be sure where they link to. In addition to banking, users of online auctions should beware of similar messages purporting to come from eBay, or the online payment provider, PayPal.

Whilst preparing this article I received an E-mail, claiming to come from Lloyds TSB, warning me about bogus messages but then asking me to click a link, login and update my account information! So do your online business with care. You safeguard your cash, cheque book, credit card, PIN number and signature when shopping - take similar care with confidential information when in the electronic world.

More information, including an example, is available on your community website - www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk

Tim Randall

A1M Motorway Interchange – Bradbury: Litter

I refer to the recent article concerning the above in the Sedgefield News and would make the following comments.

As I am sure you are aware, the responsibilities relating to the Motorway Interchanges are unfortunately not straightforward. The Highways Agency is responsible for maintenance and litter clearance on the A1M Motorway at Bradbury and the associated slip roads. The County Council is responsible for maintenance on the A689 Motorway Interchange circulatory area at Bradbury and the Sedgefield Borough Council are responsible for litter clearance in these areas. Incidentally, this split in responsibilities is not necessarily the same at all Motorway Interchanges.

Notwithstanding the above, any statutory notices referring to the Motorway but posted on the Interchange area would be for the Highways Agency to remove at the appropriate time and in this regard I have reminded the Agency of their responsibilities and made them aware of your concerns.

Turning to fly posters, the management of this is difficult, however I have asked our Area Offices to ensure that all Highway Inspectors are extra vigilant in this regard.

Yours sincerely

*Steve Foster, Area Engineer, Southern Area Office,
Environment Department, Durham County Council*

Sedgefield PCT celebrates 3 Star Rating

After much dedicated hard work, Sedgefield Primary Care Trust would like to thank and congratulate the staff on being awarded a three star rating by the Healthcare Commission. A spokesman said “This recognises the hard work and determination of all our staff to reduce waiting times and achieve the challenging Government targets. Our three star rating would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of all our staff.”

Changes to Saturday morning GP services

Patients of Dr Jones and Partners are now receiving Saturday morning services from the Urgent Care Centre in Bishop Auckland, completing the move to the new out of hours service established at Bishop Auckland. After the change of service that took place last December 2004, initially, Dr Jones and Partners decided that they would continue to provide a Saturday morning emergency service from their GP practice in Fishburn, but they decided earlier this year to discontinue this. The Urgent Care number for Sedgefield residents is

0800 328 9155

(24 hours, seven days a week)

Never to be Forgotten

The 60th anniversary of VJ Day on Monday 15th August 2005 was marked in Sedgefield, as in so many other places around the country, at a moving ceremony which took place beside the War Memorial.



The football season has now kicked off, but as I'm typing this on a lovely summer evening and it doesn't seem right to focus on that particular sport, I am not going to include Sunday league news until next month. Besides, cricket seems to be dominating the headlines for the moment. I haven't yet received a further update from Sedgefield Cricket Club (hint, hint) – perhaps everyone there is too glued to the Ashes to think about much else, much like the rest of the country! Instead, I have news on a couple of sports that don't usually feature prominently on these pages.

Running

Ean Parsons has been in touch. He hopes to start a running group or even a running club in Sedgefield. His intention is that those interested meet to run on Sunday mornings and perhaps one night during the week. Ean hopes to attract enthusiasts of all abilities, from experienced runners to those who are starting out in the sport. As well as running together, the idea will be to share tips and information, training routes and event information. If you are interested, please contact Ean on ean2005@hotmail.co.uk or call 07771 828 568. Talking of running, this year sees the 25th Great North Run. As usual, there will be a sizeable contingent of runners heading to Tyneside for the start of the race on 18th September. Good luck to all those who take part in the run on this special anniversary. Finally on the running theme, Cross Hills Football Club is in need of a second goalkeeper. The team's regular last line of defence (Darren Fox) has recently become a very enthusiastic off road runner, joining Matthew Jones in tackling loads of trail and fell running events around the North East. Much as the Cross Hills team management applauds Foxy's fitness drive, this does mean that he is sometimes absent when they need him most on a Sunday morning. Interested? Please contact d.a.ryder@durham.ac.uk.

Aikido

What is aikido? Dan Crosby kindly

contacted me to illuminate me about this modern art and explain how people from Sedgefield can get involved. Aikido was created by Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969) from elements of Daito Ryu Aikijujutsu and numerous other martial arts. Aikido is a non-competitive art – practitioners train in cooperation with their partners and emphasize blending and movement in order to take control of an attacker. That means no competitions and no 'fighting' (which may sound strange for a martial art!). By using an attacker's strength, size and momentum against them, this means aikido is effective for men, women (Dan did, in fact, meet his wife at aikido), the young and old. You don't need to be strong or supple to train in aikido – though you will develop both qualities as well as improve your general fitness. A lot of people are concerned about the effectiveness of aikido, especially when it comes to self-defence. Aikido does work, but an individual's aikido might not – while true, this isn't helpful to the beginner! Dan's experience is that aikido gives you options. If you're trained in a striking art – karate, (external) kung fu or tae kwon do, for example, and a situation arises which calls upon the skills you have learnt, what do you do? You kick or

punch your aggressor, which has only one outcome that is favourable to you – you damage or destroy your opponent. Aikido techniques control, without permanently damaging an aggressor. Having said that, techniques can be applied in such a way as to damage, even kill, should a situation demand it (it is a martial art, after all), but at least you have the option. Another aspect of aikido that sets it apart from many other martial arts is the importance placed on training to deal with multiple attackers at once.

Obviously, anyone starting aikido (or any martial art) and expecting to be 'the ultimate fighter' in six weeks is going to be disappointed. However, in six weeks, according to Dan, you can certainly be taught to at least fall over safely, which is one of the best self-defence techniques in existence. You are far more likely to have a dangerous fall than you are to be attacked with a knife, for instance (though you will also learn what to do when attacked with a knife).

Though some organisations do teach children, the Sedgefield group does not generally take members younger than 14 (and then, obviously, only with parent's permission). Aikido techniques typically involve joint

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Swimming lessons available

Sedgefield Borough Council are currently holding their next set of swimming lessons at their leisure pools in Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centres and in the pool at Fishburn. Initial enrolment has already taken place, however there are limited places still available. The course is running for a further nine weeks and sessions take place almost every day.

We have courses to cater for the most inexperienced beginner through to intermediate and advanced swimmers. If anyone – adult or child, is interested in learning to swim or improving your current ability, please contact Sue Rogeron at Spennymoor Leisure centre on (01388) 815700

Swimming teachers needed

Sedgefield Borough Council is also currently recruiting new swimming teachers. If you are qualified to teach at any level and wish to join our team please contact Sue as above.

Netball Coaching

Coaching is available, for anyone who wishes to take part, on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 - 5:30pm, with Susan Sweeting, coach of the successful 8 - 11s team based at Ferryhill Leisure Centre. The team recently received Rising Stars Awards after an excellent season. For any further information or to book your place please contact Peter Kirtley on 01740 654121 or call into to Ferryhill Leisure Centre.

Youngsters go all out for Cancer Charity

My Mum, Kirsty Pattison and Nana, Maureen Matthews, both died from Breast Cancer during the last seven years. So I, Francesca Pattison, my sister Georgina and my little cousin Allana Kennerley wondered what we could do to assist in the fight against cancer. Because of our ages 13, 10 and 6 years, we were limited as to the events in which we could become involved. Eventually, we decided on doing a sponsored walk from the Showfield in Sedgfield towards the Pond at Bishop Middleham via the cycle track. We estimate the return journey is 5 miles. Once we had decided on the event, I registered with the Breast Care Charity and we were ready for off on August 21st.

Although the walk will be over by the time the Sedgfield News comes out, we would like to thank the shop owners in the village, their staff and those residents of both Fishburn and Sedgfield who have pledged to support us. We are hoping to raise £500 and if we manage this, it would be wonderful for the charity. We are doing this walk for Mum and Nana, and our memories of them are what have given us the strength to try and help other people with Breast Cancer to survive.

Francesca and Georgina Pattison and Allana Kennerley

Newcastle United Fundraising Appeal 2005 - Three Peaks Challenge

Newcastle United Football in Community are running an appeal throughout 2005, raising funds for cancer care charities. On Saturday 2nd July, I, along with brother in law Simon Ruggles, completed the Three Peaks Challenge in the Yorkshire Dales. The challenge comprises of a 26 mile walk, covering the three peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough.

A total of **£2,217.50** was raised and a considerable amount of that sum was from my friends and neighbours in Sedgfield - a *special mention to the Sedgfield Round Table for their contribution and to Darren and Tracey Gouldburn and the locals from the Crosshills*. The money has gone to the Marie Curie Hospice in Elswick, Newcastle on Tyne.

*George Shipley, Football in Community
Telephone 0191 2638414*

Margaret Ogden's Treasure Hunt success

The Cancer Research UK Treasure Hunt was a fun event on 16th July. We had glorious weather to show off our lovely village to guests - residents from neighbouring villages commented on having seen parts of the village they didn't know existed. Elaine Macintosh's team won the "treasure" - a necklace I won in a competition 10 years ago. Dot Anderson's team was runner up. Above all we raised £218.80, a good night's work for a very worthwhile cause. No-one got lost, though I could be seen racing round the village keeping a watchful eye on the participants! Many thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to Sylvia Hall and Sheila Swanson for helping with the route and historic background. Also to Nancy Wells for a smashing buffet and bar staff for excellent service.

Sedgfield Learning Borough

There are a few places still available for the following courses, starting soon in the Zone at 58 Front Street:

Counselling and Interpersonal Skills

Digital Photography

Please contact Carol or Maggie on 01740 657493 from Monday 5th September
OR go to the Enrolment Day at Ceddesfeld Hall on Saturday 10th September between 10am & 1pm

Computing and IT Drop-in Sessions

at the Zone at 58 Front Street
Mondays from 10am - 12.30
Thursdays from 9.30am - 12noon.

Fundraising run for Early Years Play Area

John Nicholls will compete in the Great North Run on Sunday 18th September dressed as Barbara the lollipop lady (his wife!) He is raising funds for Sedgfield Primary School PTFA, and all money raised will be used to assist in the construction of the early years play area at Sedgfield Primary School.

Anyone wishing to sponsor John please contact Nicola on 01740 620579

Education in the Community: Adult Community Learning in Sedgfield

**Enrolment Day is at Ceddesfeld Hall on
Saturday 10th September from 10am - 1pm.**

Tutors will be on hand to answer questions on their courses.

High hopes for Hardwick Hall Hotel

Hardwick Hall Hotel is soon to undergo evaluation for upgrading from 3 star to 4 star status.

To achieve this it must exhibit a degree of luxury as well as quality in the furnishings, décor and equipment. It will have more spacious bedrooms, well designed with co-ordinated furnishings and décor. The en-suite bathrooms will have both a bath and a fixed shower.

There will be services like porters, 24-hour room service, laundry and dry cleaning and the restaurant will demonstrate a serious approach to its cuisine. Our local hotel has come a long way!

Time Capsule Competition

Rapid progress in the restoration of Hardwick Park has directed the Friends of Hardwick's thoughts towards the formal opening in 2006. As part of the ceremonies we have decided it would be a good idea to bury a Time Capsule at the Temple of Minerva.

**Friends of
HARDWICK**



Registered Charity No. 1088071

We have found a suitable capsule, dimensions 460 x 150 x 120 mm - and we are now wondering what to put in it.

We have decided to hold a competition for Sedgefield News readers. A prize of a £20 voucher from W H Smiths will be given to the best idea put forward and the winner will also be invited to the opening ceremony. We would especially welcome entries from the young people of the village. Entries should be sent to Sedgefield News at 58 Front Street, Sedgefield, or e-mailed to snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk. **The closing date for entries is Monday 31st October 2005.** The competition will be judged by a panel drawn from Sedgefield News and the Friends of Hardwick.

Hardwick Interpretations

At the public meeting at 7.30pm on 27th Sept in Ceddesfeld Hall, Metaphor will present their ideas for projecting Hardwick Park to visitors. A number of topics will feature in the exhibition space and the Park itself; the 18th century landscape, John Burdon and his architect's vision, its creation, maintenance and historical context. The story of the Park's restoration is a meeting of 18th & 21st century minds, whilst archaeology played a crucial role in the restoration. Finally, ecology - the relationship between nature and artifice, rare habitats and species in the context of the park and its restoration. Please come along and hear more.

Sport continued... locks and stressing of joints, which can be (momentarily!) painful. It is considered less risky to train with young people with joints that are more fully developed, and thus not as prone to developmental damage.

The Sedgefield club is part of the United Kingdom Aikido Union (<http://www.aikidonortheast.com/>). The UKAU is also part of the European Aikido Union, and has 'sister' organisations in France, Germany, Belgium and Scotland. The club often entertains international visitors on large courses and members will have the opportunity to train in all of the countries mentioned above. The UKAU is regulated and controlled by the British Aikido Board, the governing body for all styles of aikido in the UK.

Running on Thursday evenings at Sedgefield Community College from 7 - 8pm the club is populated by beginners! Should membership grow enough to warrant it, class will probably be extended to an hour and a half - which is a more typical training time within the wider organisation. Mat fees are currently £20 per calendar month, payable at the first training session of the month. The club also takes annual memberships at £180 per year - a significant discount. The UKAU operates a pool club system, which means that your fees paid at your 'home' club allow you to train at any other club in the organisation without paying any extra. You could actually train every day of the week, apart from Wednesdays (which are reserved for black belt training), if you were will-

ing and able to travel to other clubs - as members are encouraged to do.

UKAU clubs are spread throughout North East England, but the club's closest to Sedgefield are Spenny-moor, Newton Aycliffe, Peterlee and Deerness (Ushaw Moor).

Golf

Finally this month, a reminder that the Seve Trophy is taking place at the Wynyard Golf Club from 22nd - 25th September. The best golfers from the UK and Ireland take on their rivals from continental Europe in a Ryder Cup style competition. It should be a fantastic event, and the biggest golf tournament the North East has ever seen. Tickets are still available on 0870 602 1121 or www.sevetrophy2005.com.

As ever, please send sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Enjoyable trip to Alnwick

Photograph by Ian Hunter. More on www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk

Those lucky enough to go on the trip to the new gardens at Alnwick Castle in July found much to admire; the rose gardens, the impressive sweep of the water feature and fountains, even the compost heap was a beautiful array of colour!

This stunning tree house is built into six lime trees and includes a restaurant, shop, video presentation area and two rope bridges.



September Diary

Announcements on this page are free
to non-commercial organisations

Lyrics Youth Choir Reunion Concert

featuring Thomas Guest
Sunday 4th September
at 7pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.
The bar will be open and the
atmosphere relaxed!

Town Councillor Surgery

Monday 5th September
Council Offices, 6.30 - 7pm

Local History Society

Monday 5th September
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30pm

Ross Stobbart, on

**John Palmer, Architect &
Stonemason Extraordinaire**
Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 6th September
Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30pm

Propagation Workshop
by **Diane Nichol-Brown**

& Tuesday 4th October
Shrub Maintenance

All Welcome

Tiny Steps at St. Edmund's

Wednesday 7th September

1.30pm Singing & Stories for
pre-school children & carers

All welcome

Sedgefield Library

Rhyme Time for under 5's

stories, songs and crafts

10am till 11am. fortnightly on
Weds 7th & 21st September

Sedgefield W.I.

Wednesday 7th September

7.15pm Parish Hall

Mrs A Press
"Herbs"

Members' Competition –
a home herbal remedy

New members always welcome

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

from 9.30am - 1.30pm on

Sunday 10th September

on the Village Green

Please contact Joanne Martin

Tel: 0774 3337960 for details

Sedgefield Library

Teenage Reading Group

3.30pm till 4.30pm fortnightly on
Mondays 12th & 26th September

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 15th September

Parish Hall at 7:45pm

"Australia"

A talk by Julie Fulton from

Durham Wildlife Trust

Further details on 620811

All welcome

Northumbrian Pipers Society

Cleveland Branch will be playing on

Sunday 11th September

at the Judges Hotel, Yarm from 2pm
for Red Cross Open Gardens

Wednesday 14th September

Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield - play-
ing session from 8pm

& **Sunday 25th September**

from 2pm at Whitworth Hall Coun-
try Park Fair

(Red Cross Open Gardens)

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Live Music Night

Saturday 17th September at 8pm

Main Guest – **Blue Diamond**

also featuring Judith Haswell Band,

Claire Arbon & Andy Joyce,

& the John Wrightson Band

Admission £7.50 (includes buffet)

Telephone 621347

*The club is available for hire for
private parties, free of charge*

Rose Show

at the Golden Lion

Sat 17th & Sun 18th September

Classes include Roses, Dahlias,
Chrysanthus, Fuchsias, Pelargoniums,
other Pot Plants and Floral Art, plus
a new class for children.

New exhibitors and visitors always
welcome. Schedules available from

Sedgefield Library or

telephone 621196 or 629549

**Sedgefield & District
Rose Society**



Family History Group

(part of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 19th September

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

Mr George Flynn

"From here to there"

All welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 20th September

Parish Hall at 7:30pm

"All Safely Gathered In"

by Linda Hopkins,

N.W. area Demonstrator

Positive Youth Project Film Nights

Friday 23rd September

at 6:30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall

Family Film - to be confirmed later

All ages welcome, under 8s **must** be
accompanied by an adult

Also at **Mordon Village Hall**

Saturday 24th September

Friends of Hardwick

Interpretation in Hardwick Park

Tuesday 27th September

7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall

Public Meeting - *All Welcome*

Sedgefield & District Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Country Market

Fridays, Parish Hall: 9.30 - 11am

Excellent value home baking, eggs,
garden produce & crafts

Tea & Coffee served

101 Gigs in September

03 The Princess Alice, M'brough

09 Dr. Browns, M'brough

10 The Grand Hotel, B'p Auck'd

11 The Phoenix, Seaham

16 The Wheatsheaf, Spennymoor

17 The Station, Loftus

18 The Spot, Hartlepool

23 Sleepers, East Boldon

24 The Station Hotel, Redcar

25 The frigate, Marske-by-Sea

30 The Normanby, Normanby

Nirvada

02 The Three Tuns, Gateshead

Hospital appreciation

As we all know, much criticism is levelled against the National Health Service, but can you please take this letter as an enormous thank you and praise for Sedgefield Community Hospital, especially the Francesca Willer Unit. Over recent years, my mother has spent time in both old and new Community Hospital, (where she is currently staying). She is cared for by each member of staff as if she were their own mother. The care given to all the patients is wonderful.

We hear these praises said many, many times by people who visit this hospital. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful hospital and its staff in our community. So again, a very big thank you to each and every member of staff.

The family of Louie Robinson

A Ghostly Story (or a Ghastly Tale) revisited

Following my letter (June 2004 Sedgefield News) I am pleased to acknowledge the improvement to the name plaque on the War Memorial (see also last month's News). I wrote in the name of Private Albert Bateman, of the 6th Yorkshire Regiment, who died aged 19 years in November 1916. His name is the 3rd down (1st World War) and can now be easily read. So on behalf of all the named casualties, both 1st and 2nd World Wars, I would like to thank you with this poem. *David Hillerby*

A Message from the Sky

Thank you, dear friends
Our names once more
Are written here in stone
Lest you forget we shout out loud
LET US HAVE NO MORE WAR
"Your Country needs you"
was the cry
& WE answered loud and clear
We marched away but came this
way no more
Our bones may lie in foreign clay
BUT OUR NAMES ARE HERE
FOR EVERMORE
Let youth live on for 4 score years
No manhood so to cull
No broken hearts, no mothers tears
SO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Your Letters

Bus Timetable Changes

Can I please alert residents to the fact that from 31st July, Arriva has changed many of the times of bus routes serving the Sedgefield area. The notice of changes was on the bus only 10 days prior and is typical of Arriva's lack of care for its customers.

The good news is that the X1 Middlesbrough to Newcastle is now running every 30 minutes for most of the day and Sedgefield Library have now been sent some timetables by Arriva.

As usual, one of the major problems we bus users regularly encounter is the non arrival of a bus (let alone arriving on time) and I hope that our Town, Borough and County representatives will press for Sedgefield to get a bus availability display board, similar to that which Durham County Council are to pilot in Durham Bus Station (where there is an enquiry office) as a matter of urgency.

*Harry Bower,
7 Hall Lea Sedgefield*

**Don't forget to use our 2005/6
Forward Planner
to help avoid unfortunate clashes**

October

15th Round Table Autumn Fayre
22nd Trafalgar Day, Ceddesfeld

November

5th Fireworks Display, Ceddesfeld
8th Fashion Show by Jayne
19th St Edmund's Church Fayre

December

9th & 10th Lyrics' Concerts

**For up to date changes and
new events go to
www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk**

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Hair Raising Charity Stunt - A Thank You!

I would like to express my thanks to the Sedgefield Winkers who took part in the Charity head shave for the NECCR (North of England Children's Cancer Research Fund) featured in last month's Sedgefield News. The lads were first inspired to do this when my daughter, Bethan, was diagnosed with leukaemia in February. Bethan, age 13 at the time, had been a very fit and healthy teenager, and the news came as a terrible shock. The treatment regime for leukaemia takes over two and a half years and at times makes people very poorly. The good news is that it is a very treatable illness with the highest cure rate of any cancer. This is possible thanks to research undertaken all over the world, including here in the North East, and this research is significantly aided by fundraising events such as these. I would like to thank the shaven (Philip Jackson, David Etheridge, Steve Chaytor, Steve Nadin, Kevin Foakes, Roy Chowns-Smith, Colin Lowe, my husband Jonah and the organiser, Chris Stephenson) for the tremendous effort which raised well over £3,500 that will help more children to live through cancer. Thanks also to everyone who sponsored them in Sedgefield and Evolution Hair and Beauty for doing the shaving.

For those who want to help further then one of the best ways is to give blood regularly since the gruelling effects of the chemotherapy mean that Bethan, and others like her, need top-ups of blood and platelets at frequent intervals during their treatment.

Jane Jones

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