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Sedgefield NEWS

April 2012



After the 2011 Great North Run

Brummie Ryan is our Olympic torchbearer!

26 year old Ryan Davey has been chosen as one of the runners to carry the Olympic flame through Sedgefield on Sunday 17th June.

Ryan was born and raised in Birmingham, but his father originates from Stockton-on-Tees and moved back to the area in 2005.

Ryan moved here in March 2006 when, during a visit to his parents, he realised he really loved the village. He cancelled his train back to Birmingham and stayed! Ever since then he's been known to the people of Sedgefield as 'Brummie Ryan'.

Ryan has Psoriatic Arthritis which affects his ankles, knees, wrists and fingers. He is on regular medication to help the condition, but he has done his best to not let the condition affect him. He keeps as active as possible and does as much as he can to raise money for various charities.

Before Ryan moved here he did a lone 210 mile cycle ride from St Andrews (home of Birmingham City FC) to the Riverside Stadium (Middlesbrough FC), inspired by meeting a child who suffered from Cystic Fibrosis. He managed to raise over £2,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. As a result of the ride Ryan had to have 3 operations and suffered a great deal of discomfort which prevented him from cycling for a number of years. But last year Ryan ran the Great North Run and raised more than £900 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He intends to take part again this year, raising money for Scope.

Since moving to the village Ryan has become part of the Netpark Football Club, though after seeing him play for a grand total of 29 minutes, the club thought his best position would be as Club Treasurer! He now also runs competitions to raise money for the club in his spare time. Ryan says -

"I can't wait to carry the torch through Sedgefield - a place that made me feel so welcome when I first came here - and still does."

We love our library

Thank you to all those people who filled in the library questionnaire (not an easy task). The interest has been so great that I decided to organise a petition that is specific to Sedgefield's needs. This has been endorsed by Sedgefield Town Council and reads as follows:

'We would urge Durham County council to classify Sedgefield Library as a town library.'

We understand the need to make cuts, but Sedgefield is a town, and 30 hours would be an acceptable alternative to the 20 hours proposed.

Our library is at the heart of our community and is one of the most 'used' libraries in the county. A cut so drastic will totally undermine our community services and leave a huge gap in the welfare of both adults and children.'

If you would like to sign, please visit the Library, Town Council Offices, the Post Office, Number Four or Sainsbury's Local. The petition needs to be in by the middle of April. Please continue to support Sedgefield's efforts to keep the library at the heart of our community. Pam Lamb

Report next month on Pam's meeting with MP, Phil Wilson.

The Tuesday craft group have knitted chickens containing chocolate eggs for children who enter the Library Easter competition.



Sunday 1st April

Sedgefield

Farmers' Market

Starting this month, the market changes to the 1st Sunday of every month. It promises to be livelier than ever, with many new stalls attending, so don't be April fooled! Come along & see what's on offer!

Chess Expert Needed

Children at Sedgefield Primary

School recently set up a lunchtime chess club and are looking for a local 'expert' to come in and give them and their friends some help and advice!

If you feel you could do this (within school hours), and would like to know more, please phone the school on

01740 62035

Spring Lane Wind Turbines refused

The inspector has dismissed the appeal by Wind Prospect for turbines down Spring Lane and Foxton Lane after a hard fought campaign.

Easter Eggs & May Queens!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall on **Easter Monday - 9th April**, starting at 2pm and includes Easter Bonnet, Dyed and Decorated Egg Competitions.

This year the May Queen and her attendants will be chosen at this event, to lead the parade at the Mediaeval Fayre. This replaces the May Queen Disco where Queen and attendants were previously chosen. Any child interested in being either the May Queen or an attendant should attend Ceddesfeld Hall, where the lucky children will be selected by raffle at 3pm. Any child who has been May Queen previously is not eligible to be the Queen or an attendant. Any child who has previously been an attendant can join in the selection for the Queen, but cannot be an attendant.

This is a *free event* and the award winning CAMRA real ale bar will be open to purchase refreshments.

Flower Festival

Sedgefield's 3rd Flower Festival starts on Friday 15th June with an opening preview extravaganza, showcasing music from all eras. It sets the scene for the festival's theme, 'Seven Centuries of Sedgefield – from Market Cross to Milky Way'

The Festival will be open on Saturday and Sunday 16th & 17th June and will feature a vast array of displays to feast the eyes on. Entry is £3, children free; refreshments on sale and a chance to purchase some of the arrangements once the festival closes on Sunday. Tickets for the Musical Preview Evening with wine & canapés are available at £10 from the council offices or call 620042.

Could you spare an hour to help?

Would you like to prepare flowers and put them in buckets of water, to help arrange them or are you willing to serve refreshments? Do you have something which could enhance a display? Maybe you'd like to sponsor an arrangement or remember a loved one by contributing to the floral Memorial Walk. There is plenty for everyone to do. If you would like to be involved, call Maxine on 620042.

**Charity night at
Sedgefield Racecourse**
in aid of "Momentum"
brain injury rehabilitation
Saturday May 5th
Entertainment & raffle prizes
Doors open 7.30pm - midnight
Tickets £5 per person
from Jewson in Sedgefield
or call Pauline on 07766 763390

Ceddesfest 700

As part of the Sedgefield 700 community celebrations, an outdoor musical festival is being organised for Saturday 28th July. The location is the park at the back of Ceddesfeld Hall, with bar and toilets available in Ceddesfeld Hall itself. Round Table have offered to do some catering - or rather, burn some burgers on a barbecue!

The whole thing is intended to be a pleasant afternoon and evening of top quality musical entertainment with a party atmosphere and something for all members of our community. We plan to cover a wide spectrum of musical history, with, so far, an excellent string quartet to while away the opening hours with medieval/baroque/classical melodies; a foot tapping session from the Tees Valley Jazzmen and to end the evening - Not The Rolling Stones, the UK's premier Rolling Stones tribute act, so we can all dance away the final hours! Performers to represent other musical genres will be arranged soon. Admission on the day is by ticket only, and tickets are strictly limited, due to licensing regulations, so please get them as soon as they are available. Watch this space for further information.

Sedgefield Players

'A wonderful night's entertainment', 'the best laugh I've had in years', 'Let's twist again!' - just some of the plaudits received by Sedgefield Players from an appreciative audience after their March production 'You're Only Young Twice'. A poignant comedy by Ron Aldridge, the play gave ample scope to the comic talents of Terry West as widower Brooksie, rediscovering the joys of his lost youth, much to the disgust of his long-suffering daughter Sue and her husband Richard (Jacqui O'Meara and Thomas Guest). Brooksie's drunken influence, coupled with advice from the well-meaning Rose (Jean Hewling) almost derailed the wedding plans of old friend Tom and his bride-to-be Julia, played by new members John Hannon and Christine Dearing. Viv Jacobs, as the ghost of Brooksie's late wife, Grace, persuaded him to find new romance with Rose, leading to happy endings all round.



Sedgefield Players are now in rehearsal for a play specially commissioned for **Sedgefield 700** by Durham playwright Tom Casling, with songs written by David and Tim Jasper. Harking back to the 1300s, the play involves a large cast of characters of all ages. The play will be staged in June.

Anyone who would like to be involved should contact the Players chairman on 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk.

Sedgefield R&B club

Another brilliant night was had by all with the visit of King King in February - sold out 3 weeks in advance.

We now sell online and have people travelling from all over the North due to the excellence of our venue and the quality of the performers.

Tickets are now on sale through the website or at the Post office for our next 3 shows: 28th April - Danny Bryant's Redeye Band; 7th July - Larry Miller Band and 6th October - Marcus Malone

Tickets for 17th November, starring Buddy Whittington are selling already on the website and will probably be at the post office by the time of publication. This one is a real coup for us. Apologies to all of you who couldn't get tickets for the last show; please get your tickets early.

Paul Elwell

Staff, pupils and Governors of Sedgefield Primary School were devastated to learn the sad news that our Chair of Governors, Paul Elwell, died suddenly on March 11th.

Paul was an amazing Chair of Governors, devoting over 30 years to the role (and before that to the role of PTFA Chair). He was so proud of our school and worked tirelessly to ensure it continued to improve, whilst retaining the important nurturing, 'family feel', which has always been at the heart of Sedgefield Primary. The school meant such a lot to him and we have lost the most dedicated and supportive Chair any school could wish to have.



We send the condolences of the whole of our school community to Paul's family and friends, as well as our gratitude to them for allowing him the time to spend working for the benefit of so many of Sedgefield's children over the years.

Paul was a Trustee of Sedgefield Development Trust for some years, taking responsibility for Sedgefield News invoicing, as well as being instrumental in bringing in funding and finding new premises for the Trust at a difficult time. We would like to add our sincere condolences to his family. Editor.

WANTED! 'Diamond Couple' to join Brownies

2nd Sedgefield Brownies are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with activities including cupcake decorating, jewellery making and a 'bling' night and we would love to find a local couple who are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary this year to be a part of our celebrations. This could either involve coming to one of our meetings to talk about your memories, or allowing a couple of our girls to come and talk to you.

2nd Sedgefield Brownies have been an active part of the community since 1974 and Joanne Tinkler has been Brown Owl for the last 21 years (she was very young when she took on the role!) The rest of the leadership team have approximately 75 years of volunteering with the Brownies between us. With up to 30 girls in the pack at any time, we enjoy a variety of activities such as crafts, games, completing skills badges and trips, as well as our annual weekend long residential pack holiday. Given our long history the chances are, if you weren't a 2nd Sedgefield Brownie, then you know someone who was! For more information or to volunteer as our 'Diamond Couple', please contact us on **07906 272321** or visit our website, www.2ndsegfieldbrownies.co.uk



Enjoy a varied terrain with Sedgefield S-Milers

Above: the Sedgefield Tuesday Walking Group, shown enjoying a walk from North Gare to Seaton Carew and back. In total contrast their Awayday walk in March was from Barnard Castle to Cotherstone and back, along the river. Awaydays start at 9.30am but usually the group meets at 1pm outside the Parish Hall for a local walk. A great way to keep fit in friendly company.

For details, contact Ron or Angela on 621287.



Above: Trefoil Guild members, from left - Liz Garner, Marilyn Edwards, Jackie Postgate MBE, Ernie Postgate and Lindan Johnson

The Trefoil Guild: promises renewed

Sedgefield guild members recently renewed their promise in Hardwick Park. The guild supports guides & scouts in the area as well as meeting once a month. Future events include card making, quiz night, visits to an ice cream parlour, Saltholme RSPB bird sanctuary and Hardwick park. If you would like to join us, please email me on mjackiep@aol.com

sedgefieldsquashclub

Free Coaching

Open to non-members

Squash and Racketball

Beginner, intermediate and advanced levels

Sunday mornings

Commencing 6 May

Contact Chris Rowsby on 621125 for more detail

www.sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk

Community SAFETY



Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel

For those members who don't routinely pass the Police Station, Neighbourhood Watch have now been allowed to put their Notice Board on the Police Station wall. Many thanks to Sgt Brian O'Connor for his enthusiastic support and his rapid response to our request to make this happen. The board is up; it will (& does) contain the unapproved minutes of the last Panel meeting for all to see before the next meeting takes place. It will also contain PACT details, and any current / relevant information we (NHW) think may benefit members and residents of Sedgefield.

SCAMS - another reminder: DO NOT TRUST UNSOLICITED CALLS, LETTERS or EMAILS. If you get a phone call whilst on your computer from someone purporting to be from Windows / Microsoft / your provider – **be on your guard**, don't trust them. DO NOT let them onto your pc, DO NOT give them ANY information whatsoever; it will be a scam, it will cost you money in one form or another! NHW advice is, ask for their telephone number, company details & name of person. Say you will ring them back then ring the Police and report a suspected crime, providing details. See *letter page*

Useful telephone numbers

To report concerns, seek advice or pass on information to Police, call **101** (Try to keep notes of the conversation & obtain an incident number). **101** calls cost 15p

Durham County Council Wardens: **0300 123 70 70** - all reports or complaints need to be logged via Customer Services initially.

Police Community Liaison Officer, Neil Langthorne: **01325 742755**

Police Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Pheasant: **01325 742714**

Sedgefield Town Council: **621273**

Jottings notes from the March Residents' Forum meeting

There was lively discussion on issues affecting our community. It was noted that we have had no further information on what is happening to the S106 monies owed to the village. Durham County Council (DCC) have bought the woodland at Neville Drive with some of the money but their further intentions are not clear. DCC have promised consultation on the issue so we have requested an update.

Once again DCC plan to charge for parking at Hardwick Country Park. The Forum has again suggested some concession for local residents as some find the walk to Hardwick to enjoy the Park facilities just a bit too demanding; it seems somewhat unfair to have to pay to park after decades of free access. Unfortunately, response so far from DCC does not indicate any chance.

The hearing for the Spring/Foxton Lane wind turbines took place on 28th & 29th February. Residents from Spring/Foxton Lane had conducted an excellent campaign against the proposal and residents from across the village showed their objection by attending. There was, however, a problem with the venue which resulted in some residents not being able to attend as it was moved at the start of the meeting from the Cricket Club to the Racecourse. The organisation of the hearing and venue booking was the responsibility of DCC so if anyone has a complaint they should direct it to the planning department at DCC. We now await the Inspector's decision on the proposal, which should be known within 6 to 8 weeks.

The Forum had a disappointing result in our enquiry for information from our AAP on how our village had benefited from AAP activity; we have asked for our concerns to be passed to the AAP Board and now hope the new Public representative will keep the village informed.

The proposals for further housing in the village are still ongoing with DCC consulting on where residents think 300 new homes should be built. We need a Neighbourhood plan for our village and the Town Council and Sedgefield Together are addressing this but there is a great need for everyone in the village to give their views. The last consultation meeting where views could be put forward was not well attended. It is no good complaining if new build happens in your area and you don't want it to, if you haven't given your views. Concerns and objections were expressed to the proposed reduction in opening hours of our Library. This is an important provision for our community and is used by all age groups. It should not have to be reliant on volunteers to offer this service. A petition will be available in various venues around the village for all to sign. Please take a few minutes to sign the petition to retain appropriate opening hours for our excellent library.

There were many and varied topics discussed and updates will be available at the next Forum meeting which will be on May 7th at 7pm in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall. For those with email access you can receive minutes and village information by giving your email address to jane@sedgefield.net

PC Todd reports

Crime remains low in Sedgefield but now the weather is warming up I have no doubt the light fingered persons in our community will be looking out for an easy target. Garden furniture and plants were taken this time last year. Remember to check for any attachments to the cash point machines when taking money out. Recently a customer around 3am found a device preventing his money coming from the machine. He informed the police who quickly arrested the two males in a vehicle parked nearby. Both males were from Eastern European countries. Another resident recently woke to find that the rear bumper including reversing sensors and number plate had been carefully removed from his Nissan Navara car. It cost over £200 to replace.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Social Club. Members were informed of the recent change of licensee of the Hope Inn. One incident was reported that requires warning letters being sent to a male and female for their unacceptable behaviour inside and outside a member premises.

P.A.C.T.

At a recent Residents forum meeting it was agreed to continue watching for speeding motorists along Spring lane.

Durham County Council's Civic Pride

Team are working with staff at Hardwick Park to launch our

Green Dog Walkers scheme on Saturday 7th April

The Green Dog Walkers scheme is a friendly way to change attitudes to dog fouling. Volunteers take a pledge to always clean up after their dog and carry extra dog waste bags so they can lend a bag to anyone without one.

Any questions or queries please contact the visitor centre at Hardwick Park.

Sedgefield in Bloom

Northumbria in Bloom judge, Liz Lazenby visits Sedgefield at 2pm on Thursday 12th April for preliminary spring judging. Members of the Sedgefield in Bloom team will show her around the centre of the village, pointing out areas of interest and explaining future plans which will come to fruition before her summer visit in July.

Britain in Bloom judges will follow shortly after, and as well as horticultural achievement, they will be looking for community involvement and environmental awareness. In this very special year, the cornerstones of planning for Sedgefield in Bloom 2012 have been heritage, celebration and community. A great deal of work has already been done, with several more exciting projects in the pipe line. The recent spell of unexpectedly mild and sunny weather highlighted beautiful displays of spring bulbs and plants in tubs and beds around the village. The bed in preparation on the church bank, thanks to the efforts of Bloomers and members of Round Table, will soon become a colourful display celebrating Sedgefield 700. A vintage plough expertly restored by students at the Community College will be placed alongside the seed drill at Beacon Avenue. The students' next Sedgefield in Bloom project will see the original gates from Hardwick Park, beautifully restored, placed on Durham Road, near to their original site, suitably planted and set within a framework built from vintage bricks.

Primary school children have planted wild flower seeds at the Community Garden, to be used in the creation of meadowland within the village. More young trees have been planted in Ceddesfeld Gardens. The Community Gardens at Winterton now have a smart new shed, to be

Everyone can help, you don't have to be green fingered or even experienced, just willing. The team of Bloomers, all volunteers, meet at the church lych gate every Wednesday at 10am, before going off to do a variety of jobs - weeding, planting, digging, tidying. New members will be welcomed with open arms - and a high vis jacket!



used as a resource, storage and teaching area. Extra hedging has also been added and major work done to improve the layout and productivity of the gardens. To celebrate the Olympics, the Bloom Beacon, placed centrally in one of the beds on the village green, will be filled with plants in vibrant reds and oranges. In 2012, Sedgefield has a great deal to celebrate and, of course, in this exciting Olympic year, we must go for gold.

You can also support Sedgefield in Bloom by helping with the constant battle against litter. Items regularly picked up by people who didn't throw them down include cans, crisp

packets, sweet wrappers, cigarette boxes and takeaway packaging; also bottles, plastic & glass, empty or half full. Cigarette ends are a major problem. Other very small items, difficult to pick up and bin, include wooden or plastic forks, empty ketchup packs and little blue pens from the betting shop. Smart new bins have been provided, at some expense, at various points around the village. Many of our shopkeepers and other commercial premises make sure their frontages are kept tidy and clear of litter, but they can't be held responsible for every bit of litter. Let's all do our bit to keep Sedgefield tidy & blooming beautiful.



Six oak trees donated by Sedgefield Town Council were planted on Temple Field in Hardwick Park to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Scouts and Guides, all year 7 pupils at Sedgefield Community College, planted the trees.

SPORTS UPDATE

As we march towards April, the evenings are getting lighter and the temperature is starting to rise. All of that means that on one hand, the football season is drawing to a close, while on the other, cricket is about to take centre stage again.

Sedgefield's three Sunday league football teams have all got a lot to play for during their last few games. NETPark FC and the Social Club FC are both working hard to avoid relegation from the first division of the Durham District League, while St. Edmund's are battling it out at the top end of the premier division and have just secured a place in the final of the Heart Foundation Cup. I'll bring news of how all three teams fare over the next couple of months. Meanwhile, after a fantastic 2011 season, Sedgefield Cricket Club is gearing up for another big campaign. Look out for a proper preview next issue.

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club is offering a 16 week coaching course for adult members and non-members alike, starting on Sunday 6th May.

Coaching will be for one hour sessions on Sundays as follows:

Beginners - 9.30am

Racketball - 10.30am

Intermediate - 11.30am

Advanced - 12.30pm.

The first six weeks will be free of charge, with a cost of £2 per session thereafter. If you have considered taking up squash or racketball (which is a less strenuous version of the game with shorter rackets and a slower, bouncier ball) then this is a great opportunity to get an introduction through an external qualified coach. If interested, and for more details, please contact Chris Rowsby on 621125.

Sedgefield parkrun

The first Sedgefield parkrun was held on 17th March in Hardwick Park. On a bright morning, 181 people from near and far took part, in an event made possible by run director Jane Spink and a big team of enthusiastic volunteers. Runners showed up from Durham, Darlington, Newton Aycliffe, North Tyneside, Middlesbrough and even Nottingham. And of course, plenty of Sedgefield residents lined up to support the event. From now on, the Sedgefield parkrun will take place every Saturday morning at 9.00am, starting outside the visitor centre. Just register on www.parkrun.com and then turn up – it's all free. All that parkrun asks is that runners volunteer to help manage the run

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three times each year. A Northern Echo journalist came along to sample the atmosphere of the first parkrun and write an article about it. He enjoyed it so much that he returned the following week to run again, and then the week after as a volunteer. Give it a go – it's a great way to stay fit or get active and there's a really friendly atmosphere at the parkrun that encourages every participant – young, old, fast, slow, experienced or beginner.

Sedgefield Harriers

Anyone with sharp eyesight watching Sky Sports on Saturday 10th March may have seen Sedgefield Harrier Abie Hearmon competing. Abie was selected to represent County Durham Schools at an inter-counties cross-country championships in Birmingham which was featured on TV. Abie has made big advances this year under the charge of coach Scott Hydon and is attracting attention from regional selectors. She finished in 136th position in a field of over 260 in this national competition, despite having the disadvantage of starting from the back of the funnels and thus having more ground to make up. On Saturday 17th March Abie, along with Jonna Baines from the Harriers, also competed in Somerset in the National Schools Cross Country.

There was a lot of satisfaction for coach Marie Walker on 21st February when many of her younger juniors competed at the Sedgefield District Primary Schools Cross Country competition at Maiden Castle. Around 20 schools took part and there were children from several schools who had benefited from Marie's coaching. Unsurprisingly, Marie kept a special eye on Sedgefield pupils and there were some noticeable successes: boys year 3/4, David Budd, Henry Jones, William Dredge; boys year 5/6, Liam Welsh, Tom Burkhill, James Raw, Marcus Storey, Joe Thomas, Jack Richards; girls year 3/4 (1st place team overall), Carla Abel (1st place), Kate Abel (2nd), Abbie Walker, Jenny Walker, Sophie Earl, Annie Pickard; girls year 5/6 (1st place team overall), Aimee Barlow (1st place), Charlotte Raw (3rd), Megan Boyle, Sophie Hawthorne.

The London Marathon is fast approaching and the Harriers have their biggest contingent yet going down to compete, including Jo James, Matthew Jones, Gail Bell, Scott Hydon and Diane Baines. Meanwhile, Rebecca Mott and Hannah Featherstone have been chosen to represent the North East in the U13 girls' race in the mini-London Marathon, based on their performance at the North East and Northern Cross Country Championships. The mini-marathon takes place on the same day as the Marathon – Sunday 22nd April. Watch out for a mention of Sedgefield Harriers on TV!

Sedgefield Harrier Steve Foreman (who is from South Shields and works on NETPark) will be the first Sedgefield Harrier to cross the line in the Olympic Stadium! Steve has been selected to run in the National Lottery's Olympic Park Run on 31st March. He's promised us a photo of him in his Sedgefield vest in the stadium.

And finally, Sedgefield Harriers will be staging their very popular Neptune Relays in Hardwick Park on Wednesday 25th April. This is a fantastic event which attracts teams from across the North East. There's an award for non-club teams from other sports clubs and corporate teams and although there is great competition 'at the sharp end', the event is open to runners of all abilities. The Relays are also an excellent spectator event as they follow a figure of eight course based on Temple Hill, from where people can watch the action unfold. To enter or for more information, contact Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or ean.p@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk.

That's all for this month. As ever, if you have any sports news send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Sedgefield Village Games

Sports Clubs, Clubs, Organisations & Groups

Sedgefield Village Games, to celebrate Sedgefield 700 and the London 2012 Olympics will be held between Sunday 17th June & Wednesday 11th July. The Opening ceremony of the Village Games will coincide with the Olympic

Torch Relay passing through Sedgefield and the Closing Ceremony will coincide with the culmination of the Sedgefield 700 celebrations and be the centrepiece of what will be a special day for Sedgefield.

Between those dates clubs and organisations in Sedgefield have a golden opportunity to be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The Village Games Committee are offering your organisation the opportunity to;

- Hold an open event which will be publicised as part of the Village Games timetable
- Promote your organisation to potential new members
- Showcase your sport or activities
- Award commemorative medals to those taking part
- To be a part of a high profile closing ceremony on the village green
- To receive a commemorative award to mark your participation

You may take advantage of all or some of the above, but don't let your members miss out! Time is short and you will need to advise us by Friday 13th April of your intention to be a part of The Village Games.

To advise us of your wish to be part of the Village Games or to discuss further, contact
Scott Hydon on 07883886305 (scott.hydon@yahoo.com)
or Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 (ean2005@hotmail.co.uk).

Sedgefield Village Games Mementos

Don't forget that all young people who are under 16 on 31st August this year and who live in or go to school in Sedgefield are entitled to receive a Sedgefield 2012 memento. The mementos will be distributed in the first instance by schools, clubs and organisations but the parents or carers of any child or young person who does not attend a school in Sedgefield should e-mail ean2005@hotmail.co.uk to register.

New Generation Church

Have you heard about NGC, a very lively church now in Sedgefield at the Parish Hall (or sometimes the Community College) on Sunday mornings?

I was walking across the car park when I heard the music - a full band - and went in. I now go every week. I also go to a connect group and we are starting another one in Sedgefield.

The other Saturday morning, 23 women from the church went to Aubergines for breakfast - we want to use all the facilities Sedgefield has to offer - want to thank the staff at Aubergines for letting us fill the shop and for serving us all with a smile. So if you are new to church, looking for a place to belong or have come to realise there must be more to life, come along to one of our services at 11am on Sunday.

If you want to come in after the service for coffee and a chat, from 12.30 - 1pm, you are very welcome. For more information, contact Diane Jones on 622564.

NETPark's bright new buildings

You may have noticed two new buildings sprouting out of NETPark's parkland. They are designed as "Grow On Spaces" for companies graduating from the NETPark Incubator, much as Kromek graduated a year or so ago into its own building. This type of space is essential to NETPark's success: Kromek started life a few years ago as a spin out company from Durham University and moved into a lab in the NETPark Incubator with 2 employees. Now they occupy their own building and employ over 50 in a range of careers, including scientists, technicians, sales & marketing, and administration. They bought an American company last year and so can truly claim to be NETPark's first multinational company. Now these new buildings can house similar success stories.

The two new buildings have been christened Discovery Centres in honour of the County's tradition of innovation and invention and also in honour of the space shuttle orbiter of the same name, reflecting NETPark's increasing links with space industry (those who watched Stargazing Live a few months ago will remember that the South African Large Telescope played a starring role. Some elements of that telescope were made on site right here at the NETPark Durham University Research Institute).

Built on a 2.5 hectare site which formerly housed the Gables building, each unit provides 1,870 sq m of floor space, including office areas and spaces which tenants can fit out as laboratories, clean-rooms and prototyping space. As the buildings have been constructed speculatively, great care was taken with the design to ensure they would be as flexible as possible. So each is a "T-shape" with offices on the "downstroke" and space for labs etc on the crossbar of the T. The layout being exactly the same on both floors means that it is very flexible for letting purposes: a company can take a whole building, one entire floor or even half of the building vertically if that suits them better. Architect, David Wallace of Devereux has designed nearly all of the buildings at NETPark. Internal and external design took into account the need for eventual tenants to mould the buildings around their individual needs and also the need for the buildings to belong to the overall NETPark style. Little touches such as choosing the render to match the colour of the render on the Research Institute and using the same solar shading as the Incubator mean that the buildings look part of the NETPark family while having their own identity.

Around £200,000 has been invested in renewable energy features, including the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roofs to generate electricity for direct use by the occupiers as well as the addition of charging points for electric cars and bicycles. All three units have been partly funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Single Programme and Durham County Council.



April Events Diary

Sedgefield Farmers' Market New date - Sunday 1st April

Eddies@4

Sunday 1st April

Informal service for 2-6 year olds
4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Local History Society

Monday 2nd April

7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
Vic Wood:
Durham & North Yorkshire Folklore
New members welcome

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 3rd April

7.30pm at Ceddesfeld Hall
Talk on Orchids
All welcome

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 4th April

Parish Hall 7.15pm.
"Friendship Force" by Raymond Shaw
Members' competition: a favourite poem
about friendship.
Visitors welcome, fee £2.50

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 7th April

Eyes down at 7.30pm

Cricket Club Quiz Night

Easter Saturday - 7th April

8pm start. Presented by John Bryant

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 9th & 22nd April

1pm Ceddesfeld Hall. All levels welcome
Contact 01642 588197

Neighbourhood Watch Panel Meeting

Tuesday 10th April

7 pm in Fletcher Room, Parish Hall
ALL Welcome

Ladies Club

Easter Tuesday, 10th April: no meeting

Tuesday 24th April

Mediaeval Fayre Fundraising

Live Music Night

Saturday 14th April

7.45 pm at Sedgefield Cricket Club
Main guest: Paul Tilley & Tom
Townsend: also featuring
Jack Burness, John Weighell and
The John Wrightson Band
Admission £10, incl. buffet. Tel 621347

Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 16th April

Bob Brown: Sawtooth Mountain Hiking
& Monday 30th April
Ann Pullan

Family History Group

(Branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 16th April

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm

"Green Howards Regiment Museum &
family history sources held at the
museum" by Linda Powell
see www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk
for details, or call S Hall on 620367
Visitors always welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 17th April

7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Open Meeting. Jonathan Moseley,
National Demonstrator
"Altered Images"
Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Veterans

St George's Day Theme Coffee Morning

Friday 20th April

Parish Hall 10am - 12noon

Sedgefield & District U3A

Friday 20th April

2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Monthly meeting & talk on
"RSPB Saltholme: Past Present and the
Future" with Amanda Martin
Please come and join our growing
organisation & see what we can offer.

Mobile Movies

Friday 20th April

Parish Hall 6.30pm

Entry £2 All ages welcome
Refreshments on sale
More details from Maxine 620042

Mediaeval Banquet & Musical Evening

to mark Sedgefield 700

Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 21st April

Excellent meal, reception drink, good
company & fine entertainment all for only
£16. Tickets from council offices or call
620042, 620607 or 620206

Sedgefield Veterans

Monday 23rd April

We invite you to join us as we gather
around the flag at 11am on the official
St George's Day

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 26th April

7.45pm Parish Hall - everyone welcome
For details contact Steve Ashton on
01740 620559 sashton@teeswildlife.org

Spring Coffee Morning

Support Sedgefield in Bloom!

Friday 27th April

10am in the Parish Hall
Home made cakes, scones, gifts, plants,
book stall, tombola & raffle

This service is free to non-commercial organisations

April in the Library

Craft & Chat: Tuesday 17th, 10-12pm

Tickle Time: Monday 23rd, 2.15-3pm

Rhyme Time: Wed 25th, 10-11am

Regular Events

Bridge Club

Meets every Sunday & Tuesday at 7.30pm in
Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. For
more information call Jen - 01740 620434

Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday walks, from
5 - 10 miles. Contact 620034 or 620434

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Ceddesfeld Hall
Join us for Tea or Coffee and biscuits on
Tuesdays 9.30 - 12; Wednesdays 10 - 12.30
Thursdays 1 - 3.30

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church, Mon-Thurs 9:15-11:45.
Spaces for children 2+ years Contact 620923

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1pm in the
Methodist Church Hall

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall
(First week of month - Monday)
Beginners welcome, contact 621292

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm, Nag's Head
New members welcome.
Call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

Sporting, social and charitable events.
1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members
welcome. Contact Rob on 629079

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip!
Fridays 9.30am - 12noon
Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

Ready Steady Grow

At Sedgefield Methodist Church., term time
Fridays, 9.30-10.30am. For Parents, Carers &
Children. Crafts, Songs, Bible stories,
Refreshments. Call Margaret Glass; 621618

Cupcake Café

Sedgefield Community College, 10am-12,
term-time Fridays. All profits to charity

Lyrics Choirs

2 choirs welcome new members. Ceddesfeld
Hall, Fridays. 7-18yrs at 6pm; Adults 7.30pm

Looking ahead

Residents' Forum

Tuesday 7th May 7

7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Mediaeval Fayre

Saturday 19th May

Send Diary Dates for May by
Tuesday 17th April to
sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

Your Letters

Be on your guard

We are being targeted by a computer scam. Last week I received a phone call from the "Windows Security Team" informing me they were receiving reports from my computer that it was operating slowly and was infected by malicious programs planted by hackers.

I was suspicious as my computer had been working well, so asked the caller to prove that he was genuine. He was very persuasive – he knew my name and postcode and said he could tell me my confidential computer ID number. He talked me through operations on the computer that revealed a CSLID (identity number), and read it out to me. How could he know that number if he was not genuine, I thought?

He insisted that my computer was at great risk and the Windows Security Team could protect it – no payment was necessary, I was told. He displayed a list of my "infected files" on the screen and I was then asked to give the Technical Department remote control of my computer, and I agreed as I was very worried by the apparent infected files. At that point, they took remote control of my computer and I watched helplessly as the cursor zoomed around my computer screen, altering programs and settings. Then came the sting – I was told to go to a website "AMMYY.com" and they would install new security software for a one-off payment of £89!

I hung up immediately, switched off my computer and called the PC Doctor for help. He told me it's a scam and several local people have been caught. Google "AMMYY scam" for more details. The great worry is that the scammers may have planted malware on the computer that can compromise security, including email access and internet banking security. So beware. Major companies like Windows NEVER contact customers directly, and if ANYONE asks for remote access to your computer, don't allow it unless you know and trust them.

Ray Manning

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Sedgefield, TS21 2EG

Rescued from attack

I would like to thank the gentleman that witnessed a young lad, who was supposed to be delivering papers on station road, grab my bum and try to push me to the ground.

The man was in his car and he saw this happen. He blocked the lad in his path from running off and made him apologise.

The young lad had a hat on, hoody and coat zipped up, which was intimidating. It was only 5.30 pm and still light. I had no handbag or anything in my hands. I normally have an ipod on when out walking but from now on I don't feel safe. Again thank you to the stranger who hopefully made the youth think about what he was doing.

Name & address supplied

Local Tradesmen

Having decided, as far as possible, to use local tradesmen when we have been refurbishing our bungalow, we would like to recommend them to anyone wanting such as their services.

'Buying Locally' is sometimes not easy but we have no hesitation in recommending these local companies (many of whom advertise in Sedgefield News). They have been great. So, in no particular order;

Alderson Property Improvements

Andy Lowe Plumbing Services

GMS Garden Maintenance Services

Ray Turnbull Electrician

Mick Jones Plasterer, AFJ Decorators & Joinery (Ferryhill Station)

Dave Oxley Windows (Darlington)

Factory Carpets & Laminates,

Adcock Ceramic Tiling

FibreSeal (Trimdon)

Arkway Garage Doors

Ground Improvements (Rushyford)

Hope we haven't missed anyone. Of course we have also had loads of help from relatives and friends who we can't thank enough and a big thank you to all our new neighbours for being so patient with all the work vehicles and mess. So this letter is just to thank everyone and to encourage people to 'Buy Locally'.

Julia & David Bowles

Sedgefield Veterans

We would like thank to all those who were able to join us on the village green on Thursday 15th March, in remembrance of the six soldiers who were returned to the UK that day, as well as supporting us at all previous Parades during the past 3 years.

We would also like to thank all those who attended our Coffee Morning on the 2nd March and helped us raise £155.71 (after expenses) towards our Spitfire on the Green weekend

on 21/22 July. Our special thanks go to Geoff & Sheila Pinder for their contribution to the Coffee Morning success.

Our next Coffee Morning, theme St George's Day, is on Friday 20th April (see Diary page).

There will also be a gathering around the flag at 11am on the official St George's Day, 23rd April. Hope to see you at both events.

David Hillerby, Secretary

Christian Aid Week:

13th-19th May

The arrangements for this year's Christian aid week annual house to house collection should be well underway by the time you read this edition of Sedgefield News.

Once again our dedicated collectors are giving freely of their time to call upon you, and we ask you to give as generously as you can. Christian aid seeks to support some of the world's poorest people. Most of us have more than we need. Last year we collected just over £3,500 from Sedgefield Bradbury & Mordon.

It is worth noting that if you are a UK tax payer, the amount you give can be increased (at no extra cost to you) by simply completing the details on the envelope. Christian Aid can then reclaim the tax you have already paid. Thank you all for your continued support.

David & Margaret Glass

Praise for Community Lawyers

A few months ago I was facing a real dilemma and needed urgent legal advice. However, I couldn't afford the luxury of having to incur further additional fees of a solicitor. It was only then a friend recommended me to make an appointment to see Rebecca, the community lawyer; up until that time I confess I was not aware there was one!

I feel I must take this opportunity to say what a godsend Rebecca has been and I cannot thank her, or her assistant Gloria, enough, for the sound advice I was given, their kindness, understanding and for being there when I really needed it. Their help has been invaluable.

Name and address supplied

Tuesday 17th April is the DEADLINE for the May edition of the News

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