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Sedgefield NEWS

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On behalf of our whole community we wish to express our profound sorrow and sympathy to the families of Ben Craggs and Rosemary Dove, both of whom have died in tragic circumstances.

Our thoughts are also with the entire farming community of Sedgefield, Bishop Middleham and the surrounding area, who have felt these losses very keenly.

Town Trip to Redcar

The coaches left on time and it all went off without a hitch again, and everyone involved was so pleased the tradition was able to be kept going. The sun shone and everyone had a great time.

This trip really is something the residents of Sedgefield look forward to - witness the fact that 112 people came along this year, many of them also DIDO members.

We must thank organisers, Bill and Edith Cooper, Mary Hodgson, Linda and John Maddison and our first aider, Jack Patterson, for his kind assistance. Thanks go to the Post Office and Town Council who allowed us to collect names etc, at their premises and also to Grierson's Travel for their support. Last but not least, thanks to Sedgefield Charities, who contributed once again.

Another great day, another great project supported by Sedgefield Development Trust Limited.



There must have been talk of thorns and roses amongst these seaside trippers!



A cheery walk along the prom for one busload.

Have you got news for us?
Here's how to get in touch.
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Sedgefield

As well as news, if you have suggestions about the kind of articles you would like to read in Sedgefield News, or an idea about something we could devote a series to, please get in touch. We have featured various topics over the years, from the environment and green issues to wine and food. There have been various lively ongoing debates too - maybe you could start the next one!

Now is the time to say goodbye - *but soon it could be hello*



Above: Hannah Pighills and Laura Etheridge receiving their leavers' gifts. Right: Katie Speed and Kirsty Davison in Performance. (Pictured with them is Sebastian Reichel)



It's a heartbreaking but inevitable hazard of running any kind of youth organisation; your clientele grow up. This summer four young women who have been with Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir for ten years sang their last concert with us, when we shared the stage with the Lyric Singers and Lirica at the end of June.

Even though I know we'll see Laura, Hannah, Katie and Kirsty again sometime at a reunion and despite the fact that I've been doing this 'job' for twenty-odd years, still I can't get through these affairs without a few tears. This time it was made worse by the words of the final song - *Keep you in peace 'til we meet again*. Will I ever learn? Probably not, and the reason, as anyone else in the business will tell you, is the pure delight of being a small part of their lives, as little children grow into mature young people. These lovely singers can give real joy to an audience and for their talent, dedication and loyalty, we really are thankful.

So, notwithstanding future heartbreak(!) my accompanist Rob Guest and I would like to throw open an invitation to join. There's nothing formal about SLYC; no audition, very little cost; just an incredibly varied lot of songs to sing, and some very nice company. So anyone aged between 9 and about 16 who enjoys singing, come and meet us in September and maybe you will decide to become a part of our musical 'family'. As you see, both boys and girls are welcome.

Although we normally rehearse in Ceddesfeld Hall, our first sing of the new term takes place in the Methodist Church Hall on North End at 6pm on Friday 5th September. (From 12th September, we will be back in the main hall at Ceddesfeld). If you have any questions, please phone me, Sandy Clubleby, on 620609. Current members, including

leavers, please remember we're rehearsing and recording on August 22nd and 29th. See you in Ceddesfeld, usual time.

Well done **Donna Marie!**

It's great to hear news of ex SLYC member Donna Wilkinson, who has just done the double in terms of successful degree courses.

Donna was born in Sedgefield and attended the Community College before going to Dundee University to study pharmacology. After graduation she worked for a couple of years in the labs at Glasgow University, then decided upon a change of direction.

A further two years study have just come to an end and Donna is pictured here receiving her MSc in Occupational Therapy at Glasgow Caledonian University.

She's certainly grown up since her proud appearance as one of a troupe of soldier ants in the youth choir's first production of *Yanomamo*, back in the late 80s!

Good news stories are always welcome here at Sedgefield News. All the details you need to contact us are on the front page.



Music - a healing force

The North East branch of national charity Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy is offering an exciting new educational opportunity for people who are interested in learning about music therapy. The course will include case-studies covering a wide range of groups who could benefit from music therapy, as well as musical improvisation workshops.

Janet Graham, now living in Bishop Middleham, is Nordoff-Robbins' North East Regional Head Music Therapist. Born and brought up in the Consett area, she studied at the Royal Academy of Music and stayed in the South East working as a composer and piano teacher before training as a music therapist. Her husband, Philip Deane, is a professional organist, currently working at Ferryhill.

Janet is often contacted by people who want to learn more about music therapy and how it can help people with illness, disability or communication problems. Being able to provide this course offers "a unique opportunity, not only for musicians who may be thinking of undertaking post-graduate music therapy training at some point, but also for people working in health, education or social care who would like to know how to use music more beneficially in their everyday work."

No previous musical training is needed to attend the course. It aims to help anyone who is interested in music's healing potential; not only those who may take it up as a career, but also those caring for people with an illness or disability. Evidence shows that music therapy can be an effective form of treatment for many people, including those to whom the use of words may be difficult, emotionally painful, or simply not possible. Therapists work with children and adults with illnesses, difficulties and disabilities ranging from infant autism to advanced dementia, using joint music-making to develop a therapeutic relationship, allowing the therapist to find out what specific needs a client may have, then choosing ways to help.

Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy (RCN 280960) provides 55 music therapy services nationwide and has recently established projects at care centres in Peterlee and Billingham. Testament to the value of the service comes from people involved in both centres: at The Hawthorns in Peterlee, "The sound of music throughout the corridors is comforting ... harp or guitar, cymbals and drums. Residents look forward to sessions with Janet where they can relax, have some fun and enjoy the experience together."

Stephen Scollard, Manager at The Billingham Grange Independent Hospital agrees "Janet manages to captivate our patients and provide a most pleasurable experience. Our patients do benefit from this and are keen to attend the next sessions."

For anyone interested in finding out more, details can be found at the top right of this page.

NORDOFF-ROBBINS MUSIC THERAPY

*Ten-Week Evening Course:
An Introduction to
Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy:
A creative approach*



Monday evenings
6.00 - 8.00 p.m.
beginning on 13th October

Course tutor
Janet Graham

*The course will be held at:
Crisis Skylight Newcastle
City House, 1-3 City Road
Newcastle NE1 2AF*

For details please ring 01747 656391

or email nrmt.northeast@nordoff-robbins.org.uk

Extraordinary funding bid takes orchestra to Edinburgh Festival



The Darlington and the Dales Youth Orchestra had resigned themselves to missing out on a third consecutive Edinburgh appearance, until cellist Tim Jasper took the initiative. The problem was that hoped-for Arts Council funding had not materialised. Tim contacted Co. Durham's Youth Opportunity Fund and filled in an online application, explaining why it was important to the young players to take part in Festival of British Youth Orchestras. Last month he heard that the YOF had agreed to fund the whole cost of the trip - £3,800. Now the DYO Committee are gathering their players together to rehearse their challenging Festival programme. Tim's sister Ciaran, a flautist in the orchestra, will be making her first appearance at the Edinburgh event this year; a particularly good reason for Tim's efforts to succeed.

Sedgefield Music Festival 5th - 7th September

This is the third annual festival and it promises to be an exciting weekend. Various activities are taking place in the village and everyone is welcome. There will be three concerts and three singarounds. Children are invited to a workshop in Ceddesfeld Hall on Saturday 6th September at 10:30am, featuring the world spoons champion, Bertie Draycott, who will teach the children to master the art of spoon playing. There will be a competition in Ceddesfeld Hall on the afternoon for children and adults, with cash prizes.

Friday night in the Parish Hall features Nancy Kerr & James Fagan, John Wrightson Band, Rob Guest and ex Lindisfarne front man Billy Mitchell.

Saturday night in St Edmund's Church features Marske Fishermen's Choir, Northumbrian Pipers and Fishburn Silver Band.

Saturday night in the Parish Hall involves Prelude, House Sisters and the one and only Vin Garbutt.

Singarounds will take place during the weekend in Ceddesfeld Hall with the final one on Sunday 7th September from 11am.

Tickets - £10 for each night in the Parish Hall and £5 for the concert in the church, are now available from the Town Council offices (Tel 621273) or Joan Edmondson (Tel 621347).

Community SAFETY



Jottings

Home Security - a Brief Reminder

During the summer period with changeable weather it is all too easy to forget about the open window and the unlocked door, your chance of forgetfulness is the chance the thief or burglar is waiting for.

Garden Security, mark your valuables with your post code using a simple UV pen (available at most stationers) & don't leave tools etc out unattended, lock them away preferably out of site.

Door Callers, Trading Standards, the Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone **not to buy at the door**.

It is usually a costly exercise and gives the dishonest their opportunity to con honest folk out of their cash at best or actually steal from them at worst.

Walk in Theft, this happens to those least expecting it, & often to someone who is usually careful. **Police Crime Prevention** continually stress the need to keep doors locked or secure even when you are in the house and *especially* during the fine weather when you might be in & out of the garden; opportunist thieves do operate in our area, in fact some have even travelled in to steal from our local stores!

Neighbourhood Watch advice is for householders to

**KEEP THE DOOR CHAIN OR DOOR BAR ON AT ALL TIMES,
ESPECIALLY WHEN ANSWERING THE DOOR.
IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT.**

A LOCKED DOOR PREVENTS UNWANTED VISITORS

Door bars are still available, now from Community Warden, Tim Spearey.

Relevant Telephone Numbers: *(Remember if you don't contact them, the Police/Community Force don't know a problem exists)*

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield: **623654**
or via Chilton Control Room ring: **01388 721351**

Local Police: 0845 6060365 to report any concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police *(it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.)*

Crime Prevention Officer

Neil Langthorne, **01325 742714** and **Community Liaison Officer**,
Melanie Elliot **01325 742755** *(for advice or assistance)*

PC Todd reports

Having spoken to a number of residents recently, Anti-Social Behaviour and Parking issues remain high on their list of concerns. Both issues are well known about and we will continue to deal with any incidents that have been brought to our attention. Recently Sgt O'Connell and the beat team have conducted more high visibility patrols to deter this sort of activity and will continue to do so from time to time.

Crimes that have been reported to the police since the last issue of Sedgefield News include windows broken at the Community College, North End and Cross Street and the old church at Winterton. On this occasion three youths have been arrested. Chickens have been stolen from an allotment and a sat nav taken from a parked van.

Finally, two youths were stopped in a vehicle where a quantity of controlled substances were found and they spent the night in the cells. Until next time,
Keith



St. Edmunds Art & Flower Festival

The festival was held on Thursday to Saturday, 11th to 13th July, in aid of church funds. It was launched by television presenter Pam Royle at the preview night on the Thursday. September's edition of Sedgefield News will carry a feature on the wonderful flower displays in the church.

Residents' Forum July meeting

Much work has gone into the preparation for the Holiday Park appeal: thanks are extended to the village residents who have so willingly helped. The outcome of the appeal will be reported towards the end of August. **Next meeting:** Monday 4th August. 7pm Fletcher Room, Parish Hall (please check noticeboard outside library in case this meeting is cancelled).

Focus on food: Fennel

A tight creamy-green bulb with bright green stalks and feathery fronds, fennel is not really a bulb at all but the swollen part of the plant's stalk. Also known as Florence fennel, it has a mild liquorice flavour that mellows on cooking. It aids digestion and is high in vitamins and minerals. Florence fennel and sweet fennel are alternate names for the farmed fennel bulb. The fresh fennel herb is the same plant, allowed to grow taller and harvested differently. Wild fennel has slim stalks rather than a "bulb" but has similar feathery fronds and flavour. Fennel seeds, used as a spice, have a much more powerful liquorice taste.

How to serve it

Fennel can be served raw in wedges as a crudité, or sliced paper-thin on a mandolin and dressed with oil, salt, pepper, and lemon juice. In Italy fennel is traditionally served at the end of a meal as dessert with fruit and cheese. Try it in place of onion or leeks in soups, cheesy bakes such as potato dauphinoise, and pasta sauces. Fennel can be grilled, roasted, deep-fried in batter or braised in chicken stock. Good flavour matches include lemon, garlic, tomatoes, aubergines, olives, orange - in fact, almost anything Mediterranean. Use the stalks in stuffings for fish, seafood and chicken, or dry them and add to barbecue coals to give an aromatic smoke. The decorative fronds can be employed as a garnish or flavouring, anywhere you would use dill.

Preparation

Fennel turns brown quickly after cutting so prepare it just before using/serving, or else place it in water with a squeeze of lemon, to prevent discolouration. Slice the bulb vertically into wedges, or cut like an onion. The tops of the fennel are a guide to freshness - if the stalks are a bit flabby, soak in iced water to make them crisp up.

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA

There goes Teddy!



Firstly - thank you

Despite dreadful rain, a great time was had by all who turned up to support Sedgefield Primary School PTFA and the Friends of St Edmund's at their Midsummer Teddy bears' parachute drop and fundraiser. In total £340 was raised, which will be shared by both charities.

Especial thanks go to Specsavers, Stockton, who not only donated 15 umbrellas to convert into parachutes but also sponsored the event with a £100 donation and sent more umbrellas to use on the day which were gratefully accepted by many wet onlookers.

We hope to hold a similar event in better weather in the future, so look out for information. Thanks also to Nigel Clegg for his photos.

Next - get your skates on and your diaries out!

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA will once again be holding a **Skating Day on October 11th**.

The event was great fun last time, with skaters of all ages coming along to have a go. We hope even more budding skaters will join us this year!

Details on how to buy tickets will appear in the next edition of Sedgefield News.

If you are raising funds either for local schools or for charity, make Sedgefield News your first port of call.

We are always happy to give free publicity to good causes.

3rd Annual Open Air Charity Ceilidh

In Aid of Butterwick Hospice

(Butterwick Limited Registered Charity No: 1044816)

Preston Park Walled Garden

Yarm Road A135 Stockton on Tees

Saturday 2nd August from 6.00pm-9.00pm

Adults £5.00 (Free ticket for under 16s accompanied by an adult)

Music by Accordance & Friends; Caller Dave Turner

Interval Entertainment Bring your own picnic & drinks

For Tickets / Info please contact Clair on 01325 488089

clair.boyd@ntlworld.com www.communigate.co.uk/ne/teesvalleyceilidhs



from Bradbury: help us save our Phone Box!

Readers of Sedgefield News who know Bradbury will know that one of the characteristic features of the village is its original red phone box. BT have started a nationwide purge of all non profit making phone boxes and unfortunately Bradbury's box is one of them.

We at Bradbury think it's worth keeping; in the last two years we have repainted it and kept it tidy, as BT haven't done this for quite some time. We are appealing to BT and the local planning department to see if it isn't too late to try and get it listed.

We have to move swiftly on this and we have started a petition. If anyone is able to help us with our phone box please get in touch with me.

Dave Sayers, Amberwell House, Bradbury.

Awards for volunteering

Volunteers from Sedgefield Borough were rewarded for their hard work and dedication in an Awards Evening at Spennymoor Town Hall, hosted by Sedgefield Borough Volunteer Centre, part of CAVOS. Around 250 people attended the evening, to celebrate Volunteers' Week. The Mayor of Sedgefield Borough Cllr. John Robinson presented the awards.

Pauline Morphet, County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted was named Volunteer of the Year. Stonham received the award for Volunteer Involving Organisation of the Year. Special recognition awards for dedication and commitment as volunteers were presented to Dave Acock, Spennymoor Settlement, Betty Hoskins, Books on Wheels, Winnie Gardiner, Tearaways Youth Theatre & Shildon Football Club and John Cutting, Pilgrim Club. Thank you certificates were presented to all volunteers present.

Pictured: left to right: Cllr John Robinson, Amanda Foster, The Pilgrim Club, Marion Jackson, Spennymoor Settlement, Gillian Fortune, CAVOS Chief Officer, Volunteer of the Year Pauline Morphet, Cath Dawson, Stonham, Vicky Walker and Sharon Vasey, Volunteer Centre Sedgefield.



SPORTS UPDATE

with chrisjlines@aol.com

By the time you read this, the start of the Beijing Olympics will only be days away. It's going to be fascinating. The build up has been controversial, with the torch relay being dogged by human rights protests and fears being regularly expressed that poor air quality will affect endurance events. What is not in doubt is that China will make sure that the Games are spectacular. The Great British team is hoping to bring home about 35 medals – expect to start being temporarily riveted by sailing, rowing, diving, equestrian events and all sorts of other sports that you might only watch once every four years (as well as plenty that you do regularly follow!). And for Sedgefield, there is even more interest than usual in the 29th Olympiad as one of our own, Bradley Saunders, will be representing the country in the light-welterweight division of the boxing tournament. More on boxing later.

Youth Football

I know, it's summer and football shouldn't be on the agenda. But the new season is almost upon us and the various Sunday league teams are in pre-season training. Sedgefield Youth FC has been celebrating its successful first season, with a presentation evening in the Parish Hall. They were joined by a trio of mayors, John Robinson, Dudley Waters and Tim Jeans, a band called Remember When and Adam Postgate as DJ for the night.

The main award of the night was the Aurthur Stelling Sports Person of the Year and this was won by Connor Herron who plays in defence. Martin Worthington won an award for being named man of the match most times, the manager's player of the year award went to Jamie Herd and most improved player was won by Jacob Ho. The club was also presented with a shield for finishing second in a tournament in Ferryhill.

The Golden Lion provided the bar for the evening (soft drinks only for the players!). Luke Towler had been selling balloons and, thanks to money from that and a donation made by Mrs Scott from a quiz she had run, he was able to present the team with two new match balls. The evening was a great success and the club is really looking forward to the new season, by which time its new website will be fully up and running at www.sedgefieldyouthfc.org.uk.

Boxing

South Durham Amateur Boxing Club recently held its annual presentation at the Beehive in Fishburn, rounding off a fantastic season of many highlights:

In October, travelled to a tournament in Denmark, Jeff Saunders and Matthew Toothill picked up silver medals, while Lee Milburn won gold. Not a bad start to the season. In December, Matthew Toothill, Paul Warnett and Gary Fox competed in Rotterdam; in January, Matthew Toothill, Karl Thompson, Paul Warnett and James Archer boxed in Guernsey; April, travelled to Scotland for a tournament where Toothill, Saunders and Fox achieved a clean sweep of victories with the latter being named best boxer of the tournament.

In May, London multi nations tournament Toothill won silver and Thompson bronze. Also in May, Jeff Saunders won at the ABA finals in Liverpool. In June, Jeff Saunders represented England in a three nations event, winning a gold medal. Other highlights of the season have included: Jeff Saunders Senior receiving an award from the ABA of England for producing exceptional talent out of South Durham ABC; a special award from South Durham being presented to Lee Milburn; Jack Turner winning a national title in the minors section; Jeff Saunders being crowned Northern Counties Champion and winning the British title.

The South Durham ABC award winners were: most dedicated - Kieran Gash; best attendance - Adam Athy; best junior prospect - Joe Lewis Fanelli; best senior prospect - Gary Fox; best junior - David Swaily; best senior - Matthew Toothill; best overall boxer - Jeff Saunders. During the season, the club was involved in 114 bouts, winning 77 throughout the UK and internationally. And then there's the small matter of Bradley Saunders winning a bronze in the World Championships and qualifying for the Beijing Olympics. He has already been to China once, where he won a gold medal in a tournament, stopping the current Olympic champion in the third round. Yes, that's one successful boxing club – in fact one of the best in the country - and it aims to build on that, which means competing at more high profile events.

South Durham ABC has been invited to take part in two tournaments in Johannesburg in October by Anton Gilmore, president of the ABA. The first planned event will see South Durham take on opponents from Brazil and South Africa; in the second, South Durham will take on a Johannesburg select team. Both tournaments will be

televised in South Africa and have been made possible by the efforts of Chris Reed, Sedgefield born and bred but has lived in Johannesburg for 20 years. South Durham ABC hopes to take a full squad to South Africa on 14th October and this is a fantastic opportunity for the lads to represent Sedgefield Borough and England. To make this possible, the club needs support from the local community. If anyone is willing to sponsor a boxer, they should contact Tracey Saunders on 07861 226986/7 – without help, the trip won't be possible.

The Long Walk

By the time you read this, a stand up comedian called Mark Oliver will be about to start performing his show at the Edinburgh Festival. His preparation has been a little unusual, as he decided to walk 410 miles to Edinburgh from his home in Bristol, using his experiences on the way as material for the show, which is called Ramble On. Mark is not a 'hardened' walker and confesses to being lazy and unfit. He explains why he took on the challenge: "I wanted to get out of my comfort zone. People in general don't do enough to leave their comfort zone, because we've got everything we need at home. I'm a lazy comic who spends so much time sitting in cars, buying sandwiches from petrol stations. This has been my way of seeing Britain and meeting real people, which you don't get to do when you're on the road. The prospect was petrifying, but it's been a fantastic and illuminating experience!"

Mark passed through Sedgefield during his walk, joined a few locals in the Dun Cow for a drink and stayed in the village - and he looked a bit leaner than his Facebook photo. He has become clear proof that walking is a great way to get fit. Mark has raised thousands of pounds for hospice care during his walk and you can still donate to the cause at www.justgiving.com/markoliver.

Finally, I am assured (by a contact who will remain nameless, for the moment) that I will soon receive an update on Sedgefield Cricket Club's season so far. Hopefully, that will arrive before said season reaches a conclusion. Perhaps fame has gone to the players' collective heads, given that Sedgefield recently featured on Sky Sports' Cricket AM show! Watch this space...

Enjoy the Olympics, cheer on Bradley Saunders and keep sending any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.



South Durham Amateur Boxing Club with some of their trophies

We were given the wrong number for the Shay Given Foundation summer football courses at Sedgefield Community College. You need to phone 07826 403 292

Cricket Club August fixtures

First Team

Saturday 2nd v Wolviston
 Sunday 23rd v Barnard Castle
 Monday 25th v Richmondshire

Second Team

Sunday 3rd v Stokesley
 Saturday 9th v Wolviston
 Saturday 30th v Billingham

Third Team

Sunday 17th v Stokesley
 Sunday 31st v Darlington RA
*Other cup games played at short notice
 so check fixture info at the club.*

Charity toddle in Hardwick Park

Date - Sunday 10th August

Start Time - from 11am at the play area / visitor centre, round the new lake footpath and back to the visitor centre.

James was born in May of 2006 and, like any other newborn, was so precious. However, it became apparent within days that he was having difficulty breathing. Two weeks later, James was diagnosed with 4 holes between the chambers of his heart that would need open heart surgery to correct the problems. At just 6 weeks old he had the operation, which was a success, and we owe the life of our child to the skill and dedication of the staff at The Children's Heart Unit at The Freeman Hospital. The Children's Heart Unit Fund is a registered charity founded in 1979. It's aim is to raise money to buy equipment for the children's heart unit at The Freeman Hospital. Sometimes small pieces of equipment to help nurses on the wards, sometimes larger items to help doctors with diagnosis or surgeons with complex operations and after care. In some instances it is used to pay salaries of medical support staff essential to the efficient running of the unit. Heart defects comprise one of the most common groups of congenital abnormalities in newborn babies. Many of them are tiny premature infants, who up to a few years ago would not have survived. Out of 33,000 babies born in the northern region each year around 350 will require treatment in the children's heart unit at Freeman. Around 200 small babies and children are operated on each year by the two children's heart surgeons at Freeman Hospital.

The procedures are highly technical, complex and carry a very significant risk because of the severity of the heart problem. In addition to the more routine forms of cardiac surgery, Freeman Hospital undertakes children's heart transplant operations for the northern half of Britain. Many extremely sick children come to the unit at Freeman Hospital for assessment, for transplantation, and some require to be supported by special heart pumps within the Intensive Care Unit while waiting for transplantation. All families are invited to take part. Sponsorship forms are available from David Hudson, Tel. 07734 719716 or email: David.Hudson@UK.netgrs.com. If people would like to take part and prefer to make a donation rather than use sponsorship forms then I can collect these on the day.

Award recognises quality service to young people at Sedgefield Teenage Health Clinic

Sedgefield doctors' practice and its other branches are proud to have been recognised for their efforts in making services 'young people friendly' with an award of membership to Investors in Children for the coming year.

Investing in Children, a Durham County Council initiative, works to ensure that children and young people have a voice, and are able to influence the services they use. Co-ordinator, Helen Mulhearn, in presenting the award, commented that the practice has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the young people who use the service that they have been involved in meaningful dialogue and that change in the service they are offered has come about as a result.

Elizabeth (Liz) Green runs the Sedgefield Teenage Health Clinic, along with, currently, Cheryl Dunn, the School Nurse. The clinic has been established for almost 7 years and welcomes young people from all over the patch seeking advice on all health-related issues. Young people have been involved from the outset, helping 'get it right' - fitting exactly the criteria looked for in this initiative, which looks for services designed with young people in mind, and involves the local young people in planning and developing a project. This involvement has also helped the rest of the staff in the practice to develop a better understanding of young people's specific needs in general.

Nationally, the Department of Health have been trying to encourage easier access to health care for young people, and it was this which enabled the practice to bid locally for funding for the clinic. Succeeding in the bid allowed them to take the youth service into Sedgefield Community College during Monday lunchtimes.

"We are always looking at ways to improve our service, and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us" said Liz Green.

Her message to young people is simple. "You are all welcome at our clinic. There's no need to book an appointment. Just 'drop in' either at school on Monday lunchtimes or in the surgery on Monday afternoons between 3.30pm and 5pm, during term times. You can get advice on your general health, friendships, emotional health, contraception and sexual health – or a mixture of them all."

August Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Gardening Club

No meeting in August

Local History Society

No meeting in August

Sedgefield Methodist Wives and Friends

Meet in the Methodist Church Hall

Mondays 1st, 15th & 29th September

New time - 7:15pm start

New members always welcome

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 2nd August

Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.45

Cash Prizes. Bar open

Residents' Forum

Monday 4th August at 7pm

in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Sedgefield Mags

Monday 4th August

8pm in the Nag's Head

'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all

Newcastle United home games

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 6th August

Flight Lt. Paul Heasman

My Life in the Royal Airforce

Members' competition -

4 Chocolate butterfly buns

(Paul's favourite!)

Visitors always welcome - £2

CeddesFolk Traditional Acoustic Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Wednesday 6th August

Join our line up of fiddles, whistles, squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

Thurlow Grange

Clothes Party

from 10am on

Wednesday 6th August

Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Show

Robert Brown Showfield,

West Park Lane

Saturday 9th August

Open for the public at 10am

Everyone welcome

North East

Concertina Players

Sunday 10th August

at 2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

(Beginners meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1pm)

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 10th August

on the Village Green

DIDO - Day In

at the Parish Hall

Monday 11th August at 1pm

Speaker, Raffle and Bingo.

New membership £2 for the coming year will be taken

Line dancing from 12 until 1pm

Neighbourhood Watch Panel Meeting

Tuesday 12th August

at 7.00 pm in the

Fletcher Room - Parish Hall

All Welcome

Sedgefield Civic Trust

7pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday 14th August

A.G.M. followed by a

Conservation Area Walkabout

Everyone welcome

Veterans Group

Monthly meeting

Thursday 21st August

7pm in the Parish Hall

New members always welcome

Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 18th August

in Sedgefield Library at 7pm

Queries & Questions Night

Let us help you search for those elusive ancestors. Access to internet & library's research materials. Change of venue for this

occasion only. Further

info from Sylvia Hall - 620367

Visitors are always welcome

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

No meeting in August

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

No meeting in August

August @ Sedgefield Library

Book Circle - 2pm on

Wednesday 20th August

There's a range of activities for children throughout August;

crafts, stories & workshops; also lots of incentives to get the kids reading over the break.

Please contact the library for more details on **01740 620103**

101 Gigs in August

01/08 Ox & Plough, Washington

02/08 The Sportsman, Eaglescliffe

09/08 The Gables, Coulby Newham

10/08 Wedding, Saltburn

15/08 The Ship Inn, Marske

16/08 The Old Fox, Felling

22/08 Old Shildon Club, Shildon

28/08 Chicago Rock, M'brough

(Private Party)

29/08 Dr. Browns, Middlesbrough

30/08 Shamrox, Durham

31/08 Normanby Hotel, Normanby

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable

events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Ladies' Circle

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable

events - new members welcome

Contact Viv on 629079

Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Mother & Toddler Group

Methodist Church

Mondays from 1.15 - 2.45 pm

Term time only. Call 620572

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church Hall

Tel 621618

Vacancies for children aged 2

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.15-11.45

St Edmund's Church

Weddings and Baptisms can be

arranged in church on Thursdays

at 6.30pm.

Looking ahead -

Local History Society

Monday 1st September

Phil Philo on

"Captain Cook's Wooden World"

Sedgefield Music Festival

5th - 7th September

Concerts, workshops, sessions

and competitions

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CeddesFolk

Sunday 28th September

Concert in Ceddesfeld Hall

Details next month

Your Letters

Some peace please

A plea to those residents with house burglar alarms - especially in this holiday season.

Please would residents whose homes have burglar alarm systems make sure when they leave their homes for extended periods of time - for holidays for instance - they act sensibly and responsibly by leaving their home keys with trusted friends/neighbours nearby. This would not only be sensible in the event of a theft as someone would be on hand to notify the necessary authorities, but would also be acting responsibly towards ensuring the peace of all in the immediate, and none-too-immediate vicinity. Having been disturbed by a burglar alarm sounding constantly during 5 days and nights between last Christmas and this New Year, and another intermittently for two days and nights this week, I can confirm that an unattended sounding alarm is not only disturbing, but annoying. On both occasions, neighbours closer than my husband and I to the home(s) in the Orchard Estate, must be nearer to the end of their tether than we are, at some distance away. The fact we are some distance away illustrates the reason for my request for householders with such systems to behave with consideration for others.

R Willis

NHS 60TH Birthday Celebrations

Staff at the Hardwyke Ward and day hospital, Sedgefield Community hospital, wish to thank everyone for all the hard work, help and support in making the day a great success.

Once again Thanks

Judith Suggett - staff nurse

Calling deliverers of Sedgefield News...

We are very grateful to the people who so willingly take over, especially in the 'silly season' when lots of people are away, but life would be so much easier if I had exact details, preferably on e-mail, of where everyone delivers. This would also avoid confusion when

somebody takes over a delivery (sometimes in an emergency). We have recently found that some people are getting two copies (and presumably there are others who are not getting any?) It's very confusing in the Winterton estate where it's not easy to tell which houses are on which roads. Many of you have already supplied me with these details, for which many thanks. To complete my list, or if you think I might be confused, I'd love to have extra details sent to mail@toddsfarm.co.uk or if you do not have e-mail, my address is Todds House Farm, Sedgefield, or you could push an envelope through 58 Front Street. And if anyone is aware that somebody is not receiving their news, or is receiving two, please let me know!

Judith Edgoose: 620244

Holiday Park Appeal

Now that the appeal has come to an end, and we await a decision, I think it is important that the contribution of a group of Sedgefield residents should receive public acknowledgement and thanks. Over the past year the campaigners have given up most of their days to research and investigate issues related to the campaign: they have read 100's of weighty documents, written statements and spent all of the last few days sitting in the appeal room at the Racecourse, defending the decision of Sedgefield Borough Council to turn down the original application. They were not paid, unlike the expensive QC appointed by Theakston Estates, but this does not mean that their arguments were less valid and valued. The group is large, again an indication of the passion felt by so many about the potential damage that could be inflicted by this development, and it would be wrong to single out individuals: however two people should be mentioned as they were the public faces of the campaign at the appeal hearing: Gloria Wills provided the voice of Sedgefield Village and Julia Bowles sat alongside her providing information

Educational awards offered by Sedgefield Charities

The Trustees of the Sedgefield Educational Foundation are offering grants of up to £300 to students going on to higher education after obtaining A levels or equivalent qualifications.

The grants are available to young people under 25 and who live in the parishes of **Bradbury, Fishburn, Mordon and Sedgefield.**

There are also similar grants made available by the Trustees of the Sedgefield District Relief in Need Charity which are not restricted to those under 25 and are available to residents in the parishes of **Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield and Trimdon.** These are also for people embarking on qualifications above A level standard.

The Trustees of both Charities make a number of awards each year. The students to whom the grants are made receive the grant every year throughout the duration of their course as long as they make satisfactory progress and their circumstances remain unchanged.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by contacting the Clerk to the Trustees, John Hannon. Contact details: East House, Mordon, Sedgefield, Co. Durham, TS21 2EY, Telephone: 01740 622512 e-mail:

east.house@btinternet.com

Applications must be received by Mr Hannon no later than 30th Sep-

and helping devise questions. Their particular contribution was dedicated and outstanding.

So will all of you who were there throughout the appeal hearing, who were involved in the research, who provided support and information, who stood up and acted as witnesses, please accept a big thank you from those who very much hope that your efforts will be rewarded and that the appeal will fail.

Margaret Lines

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