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# Sedgefield NEWS

August 2010

## Mordonbury Rocks Again!



Strong winds and cloudy skies again failed to deter the hardy Mordonfest regulars from their annual fix of rock 'n' roll at the 4<sup>th</sup> outdoor family music festival held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June on Mordon Village Green.

This year's event opened at 1pm with The Gastric Band playing acoustic versions of all-time classics. They were followed by the lovely Catherine Lindsay on her third appearance at Mordon having played here in September. Catherine was followed by Teesside guitarist Geoff Parkin playing a beautiful selection of great songs. Next up we had the pleasure of The Sam Sullivan Band on their first appearance at Mordon. You can get a preview of what they're up to at [www.myspace.com/samsullivanmusic](http://www.myspace.com/samsullivanmusic). We then welcomed back the brilliant young saxophone player from Bishopton, Chris Smith for some more of his soulful saxxy tunes. The sun started to shine as adults and

### *Local band 'Get Over It!' rock on at Mordonfest.*

children took up their sticks for The Drumathon. Ten incredible minutes of rhythmic whacking and banging hopefully in time with the real drummer Karl, from the next band Get Over It! A superb new band currently carving a great reputation on the local gig circuit. Check out their Facebook page to see how well they're doing. We were then very honoured to welcome Alan Prudhoe. He played at last year's festival as part of the Vintage 60s Live team, but this was his first ever solo spot; playing great songs from 5 decades of music. Check him out at [www.60sliveatthevic.co.uk](http://www.60sliveatthevic.co.uk). Alan was followed by Mordonfest regular, rock guitarist Ian Jackson, taking a break from recording and producing his next album. Have a look at [www.myspace.com/theianjackson](http://www.myspace.com/theianjackson) to see how it's coming along. The raffle prize-draw was followed by Mordon's resident party and function band, Stray Dogs who rocked away and kept us dancing up until the close of the festival at about 10pm.

Despite another shaky start with the weather again, it was another successful festival with everyone enjoying the day, especially when the sun shone throughout the evening. Ball games for the children were encouraged on the village green and we had a super selection of raffle prizes.

Thanks must go again to Mordon Parish for the kind use of the village green, the local residents for their co-operation, the village hall committee and helpers who worked hard behind the scenes, all the superb performers and everyone who attended. Your support has again made Mordonfest a success raising over £300 for the village hall charity. Thank you also to Joe Hall, Geoff Parkin and Alan Prudhoe for your donations, Betty Parkinson for the kind loan of the gazebo and lights, David Elders for the hay bales, Alan and Yvonne Thurlbeck for the main raffle prize and everyone else who donated prizes. It is very much appreciated.

## Sedgefield In Bloom Update

Judges from Northumbria in Bloom visited Sedgefield on July 20 and the national judges will be here on August 12 from 9.30 am.

Their walking tour of the village centre takes in Ceddesfeld gardens as well as the village green and surrounding area, then they drive through the village, stopping off to see the vintage seed drill, restored by students from the Community College (pictured with teacher Chris Young). The judges are sure to admire the beautiful tubs, troughs and hanging baskets provided by village residents and commercial premises, as well as our hard working team of gardeners and volunteers. The judges will drive out towards the industrial estate, noting the newly planted roundabouts and mangers beneath the village signs. Then onto the Winterton estate and NetPark, before visiting Hardwick Park and the racecourse. Hardwick Hall Hotel has generously agreed to provide complimentary accommodation for the Britain in Bloom judges, which will give them an opportunity to spend more time in the park than their schedule usually allows. The hotel also kindly donated plants from its nursery. The community involvement has been tremendous this year and Sedgefield in Bloom is very grateful to all those who have provided support, sponsorship, inspiration and muscle to make the village look so beautiful. As well as touring the village, the judges will also see a presentation, display and DVD showing Sedgefield in action throughout the year. The portfolio



*Left to right: Sedgefield Community College students, with judges Valerie Giles and Eddie Wardrobe, teacher Chris Young and Sedgefield in Bloom chairman Ian Sutherland.*

the judges receive before their visit also explains the extent of our community involvement, horticultural achievements, environmental awareness and future plans. These include working with the residents of Willowdene Care Home to develop their garden, encouraging use of the community plot at the new Winterton allotments and improving the recycling of garden material at the new composter site in the cemetery. Working together, we can all play our part in bringing gold to Sedgefield in Bloom.

Northumbria in Bloom judges Eddie Wardrobe and Valerie Giles met students from Sedgefield Community College on their recent visit to the town. With teacher Chris Young, the students had undertaken an ambitious project to renovate a vintage seed drill donated by a local farmer. Restored to its former glory and beautifully

planted by members of the Sedgefield in Bloom team, the vintage machine takes pride of place at one of the entrances to the town. Chairman Ian Sutherland said, "The judges were very impressed by our team's efforts, the level of community involvement and the standard of horticultural achievement in and around Sedgefield."

As well as beautiful flowerbeds, tubs and hanging baskets in the centre of the town, roundabouts have been planted with trees, shrubs and grasses. Begonias tumble from troughs beneath brand new blue and gold Sedgefield signs and topiary horses prance around the racecourse. Shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants are a blaze of colour and local residents take great pride in showing off Sedgefield in Bloom. The judges also visited Ceddesfeld Gardens, Hardwick Park, NetPark and the new community garden and allotments at Winterton. Community Development Officer Angela Simpson said, "We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the success of this first judgment day and we now look forward to August 12, when the Britain in Bloom judging takes place." Sedgefield has won 14 awards in Northumbria in Bloom, taking a gold medal in 2009. In the national competition, their category of Best Small Town includes Keswick, Garstang in Lancashire and Aghohill in Northern Ireland. The competition is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and results are announced in September.



*The students from the Community College who restored the vintage seed drill pictured with teacher Chris Young.*

## Snapshots of Sedgefield



August's Snapshot shows Rectory Row School in 1924. On the middle of the front row, the blond boy with the striped tie is the late Gordon Swinbank and, on the row behind, the second girl from the right is Dulcie Claxton. Now 93, Dulcie (nee Bell) of Thurlow Grange, has a phenomenal memory about Sedgefield and its shops. She vividly remembers Johnny Mowbray's shop and warehouse, featured in July's Snapshots of Sedgefield, although she has no idea why it is described as Italian. He sold everything for a penny, from pins and needles to sweets, biscuits, treacle, paraffin, Brooke Bond tea and a penny twist of salt. The warehouse was in Cross Street, opposite the present day pottery. The shop was round the corner, next to Johnny's house, which was connected by a tunnel to the fish shop, also his. There was a second fish shop in Sedgefield, Bill Smith's, where, in exchange for some newspapers, you got a free bag of chips. Not at Johnny Mowbray's though. He only used clean white paper for wrapping.

Bob Waller, resident in Fishburn since 1956, but Sedgefield born and bred, remembers Johnny Mowbray's shop for lamp oil and deliveries by horse and cart. Joy Armstrong's grandfather used to drive the delivery cart and worked, with his wife, in Johnny's fish shop. Lesley Tate, a friend of the Jacobs', who provided Mowbray's carrier bag in the first place, has looked at census records and discovered that John H. Mowbray was born about 1876. His father William Mowbray, a blacksmith, lived with his family at 100 Front Street in 1871 before moving to the Tenements as a lodger and blacksmith by 1881. The rest of the family lived in Eastwell Street, also with a lodger, William Bedford, an agricultural labourer, aged 60. By 1891, Ann, apparently widowed by now, was a grocer in East End with 15 year old John. By 1901, Johnny Mowbray was 25 and a grocer's assistant to his mother Ann, now described as a grocer in her own account, with a shop on Front Street.

Johnny worked a six day week, only taking Sunday off, when he got dressed up in his suit to go to church. On New Year's day, kids would queue outside his shop until he threw pennies out. First in line got a shilling ! The kids used to play outside Johnny's shop with its big window and paraffin lamp. They played a game called First and Last Letters, a bit like I Spy. For instance, Liquorice Allsorts would be LS. First to guess correctly got chased to the kerbside and kicked!

Dulcie remembers being sent with a pint pot to buy two pennorth of black treacle from a big can like the ones petrol came in. A quarter of custard creams cost tuppence for five biscuits. Johnny also sold pills, which may explain the patent "Lily" advertised on the carrier bag. Dulcie never bought corsets from him, but she and her mates would buy a tuppenny box of Pond's face powder and daub it on with a hanky. Sweet cachous came in different colours, but they preferred the red ones, because they could use them for lipstick.

Johnny never married, but had various housekeepers, including a Miss Sheldon, who was with him a long time. When he gave up the shop, it was taken over by a man called Croft. Dulcie has many other memories of Sedgefield shops and characters, which I hope to include in a later edition. I am very grateful to her for sharing her fascinating memories and for lending the school photo showing herself aged seven. The Headteacher is Mr. Shaw and the lady teacher is either Miss Nichol or Miss Fairless. Can anyone name the other children or recall memories of school days ? If you can help out or would like to loan or donate any items to Sedgefield Local History Society, please give me a ring on 01740-620091 or email [norma@neal.myzen.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.myzen.co.uk).

I am very grateful to all the people who have contacted me with fascinating information based on the torn remnants of a paper carrier bag. It seems there is a photograph of Johnny Mowbray out there somewhere. Can anybody help ?

# Community SAFETY



## Home Security a Brief Reminder

During the summer period with changeable weather it is all too easy to forget about the open window the unlocked door, your chance 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) and don't leave tools etc out unattended, lock them away preferably out of site. Install one of the many low-cost security alarms available and readily useable in a shed location.

**Door Callers**, Trading Standards, the Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone to not 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. Why not display a No Cold Calling Home sticker and ignore any uninvited callers - especially those who ignore your notice.

Stickers are still available free from the Town Council Offices (next to the Doctor's Surgery).

**Walk in Theft**, this happens to the least expecting & 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.

N/H/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 our Community Warden, Tim Spearey Remember just having a clearly visible deterrent in place really does help to deter the casual thief, who will try elsewhere. There are many alarms available today from simple vibration detectors (easily attached to windows, frames etc.), movement detectors, security lights etc. talk to our Crime Prevention Officer, Keith Lownds if you have any doubts or simply want to be better informed. Keith is always available at our N/Hood Watch meetings, if you want a casual contact - rather than phone him.

## Alarms

Sedgefield's Crime Prevention Officer has previously demonstrated (at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting) very useful alarms including a wireless PIR/ alarm unit and a unique "alarmed" pad-lock both available at reasonable cost; and of course there are numerous similar devices readily available from normal retail sources. Just having a clearly visible deterrent in place really does help to deter the casual thief, who will try elsewhere.

## No Cold Calling House Notice / Stickers

These are still available from the Town Council Offices - free.

For the majority of "Cold Callers" the notices seem to act as a good deterrent but of course there are still several individuals who will choose to ignore them and be a nuisance to you *in their own interests - not yours!*

From experience it seems clear that if complaints are made to companies by individual householders (ask for a response in writing) most organisations will confirm that they don't want their reps annoying the general public and consequently running the risk of damaging their reputation, and they will take steps to reprimand the offender. So if you are sufficiently irritated by a rep ignoring your notice let the company know - give them a flea in their ear. If you display a No Cold Calling Home sticker and still get door knocked, options to consider: -

- Do not answer the door (waste their time not yours).
- If you do answer the door, ask them for their name/I.D., their company telephone details, then ask why they ignored the notice & finally ask them to leave. Then take the time & trouble to report them to their organisation & seek an apology etc in writing. Pass details on to either the N/Hood Watch or our Police Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne (see below).
- If any you receive any abuse try & obtain their personal details, make a note of their description & contact the Police immediately.
- If the caller is suspicious in any way, try & obtain their personal details, make a note of their description & contact the Police immediately.

## Flask in the Fridge

Please remember to update your data sheet inside the flask, following any change to either your medication or to your health.

If the Emergency Services are called to help you, it is vital that the information which is your information, is accurate & up to date.

It is for your benefit only.

## PC Todd reports

Crime remains low in and around the village with only 5 reported crimes. However, there has been a small increase in anti-social behaviour over the same period. The focus of this negative behaviour centres around the cemetery and allotment site. Youths are gathering and using timbers to make shelters and dens. They leave behind rubbish and beer cans. This behaviour is upsetting for the many visitors to the cemetery, not forgetting the members of staff who have to clean up. Please, if you are a parent or if you are one of the persons responsible, remember that we should show some respect for the families who find comfort in visiting the cemetery. Crimes reported include damage to windows in Ceddesfeld Hall, damage to a vehicle in Stockton Road, attempted theft of lead in Hardwick Park, theft of a fork lift (recovered nearby in NetPark) and theft of a van in Racecourse Road.

## Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Golden Lion. No reports were made that required further action from members.

## P.A.C.T. meeting

At a meeting held after the Pub Watch meeting it was decided that the priority this month would be persons who park within the Zebra Crossing area. The zig zag lines are there for a reason. Anyone found parking in this area will receive a £60 fine and 3 points on their licence.

*Until next time  
Keith*

## Relevant Telephone Numbers:

To contact our **Local Police:**

Telephone: - **0345 60 60 365**

NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident number.

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

**For advice / assistance: -  
Police Crime Prevention Officer  
Keith Lownds, Telephone 01325  
742714**

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

## Going on to full-time education after A levels?

### Sedgefield Charities offer grants

The Trustees of the Sedgefield Charities make grants to two groups of students going on to higher education after obtaining 'A' levels or equivalent qualifications:

1. young people under 25 and who live in the parishes of **Bradbury, Fishburn, Mordon and Sedgefield.**
2. residents of any age in the parishes of **Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield and Trimdon.**

The Trustees 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  
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This summer, take a giant leap into the final frontier at Sedgefield Library. Space Hop is this year's summer reading challenge, and it's a great way to help you get hooked on books!

All you have to do is read 6 books from the library over the summer holidays.

Everyone who signs up can keep track of the books they read with a special fold-out poster. It's great fun and what's more it's FREE!

All those who complete the challenge will receive a cosmic invitation to the end of summer party held at the library.

Why not check out the website?  
[www.spacehop.org.uk](http://www.spacehop.org.uk)

## Jottings for July from Residents Forum

There was no Forum meeting in July, we cancelled it as it fell on the same night as the Area Action Partnership Forum meeting for our area and we felt it important not to conflict with an important meeting which residents might want to attend. The Area Action Partnership (AAP) was established by Durham County Council (DCC) in the reorganisation to a single local authority. To remind you of what the AAP was set up to do:-

The purpose of the AAP is to be a mechanism through which the Council works with local communities and partner organisations to make sure those local services meet local needs and that the voice of the community is heard within the service development process. It enables councillors, residents and partners to come together to influence priorities and take decisions in the light of local needs and circumstances. It focuses on local actions to help the Council and its partners to tackle inequalities and narrow the gap between different areas and it also delivers locally agreed improvements that are important to communities within its area.

AAPs will focus on the following key overarching principles:

- Engage and involve local people, service providers such as Police, Fire Service and local Councillors so they can work together to tackle local issues.
- Allow local people to get involved in influencing decisions that affect their area and guide the spending of the AAP budget.
- Take action on local issues.
- Monitor the effectiveness of local services.

The AAP started work in July 09 and has not received a great deal of attendance from local residents. DCC do view the AAP as the major way in which it will consult and involve local communities; so if we don't engage in it, it will be seen that we have chosen not to give a view.

It would be really helpful for us at the Residents Forum to hear any views you may have on the AAP process and maybe how we could get more residents taking an interest. If you have any comments or suggestions could you pop a note into the Town Council office for the attention of the Residents Forum or email your comments to [sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com) marked AAP comments.

The next Residents Forum meeting is at 7pm on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall we will hopefully; by then have some feedback from the issues sent to the Local Government Ombudsman and the two questions from residents which we have asked DCC under the Freedom of information Act. Everyone is welcome so come along and hear what is going on and give your views.

## The Round Table - at large!

Credit must surely be given to the brave bunch of Sedgefield Round Tablers who waded into the duck pond at the rear of Ceddesfeld Hall on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> July! It wasn't just for their pleasure though, they were doing the good deed of clearing out the pond of its overgrowth & rubbish, which has accumulated over the years. I don't think it has been cleared out for a long time and believe me when I tell you that there was all sorts of muck & other unmentionables lurking in there! It was all in an effort to get the area looking its best for the Britain in Bloom Judging, and I'm sure you will agree they did a grand job! We must say a big thank you to Fine Organics Ltd for providing the Health & Safety equipment used on the day. During this past month we had our annual Dads and Kids camping weekend, which is an excuse for all kids, big and small to have a weekend away and give the mums a break. We also visited Witton Gilbert for a dinner meeting. Coming up we have paintballing and go karting during the summer months, along with some beer home brewing. So why not come along, see what it is all about and get involved; I'm sure you won't regret it.

If you are interested in seeing for yourself what we are about, get in touch with Rob on 01740 629079.

*It may have been a messy job - but they look happy about it!*



## SPORTS UPDATE

I was privileged to attend a very special event in July, down in London village. On 16<sup>th</sup> July 1985, North East athlete Steve Cram set the first of three world records in just 19 days. In a remarkable sequence of races, Steve took the 1,500m, mile and 2,000m records, beating the times previously set by Said Aouita, Seb Coe and John Walker. This achievement is still regarded as one of the most impressive in athletics history and to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a 'posh do' was held a few weeks ago. The guest of honour was of course Steve Cram, but Aouita, Coe and Walker were all there (together for the first time since the 1980s), along with other sporting stars such as Michael Johnson, Paula Radcliffe, Kelly Holmes, Sally Gunnell, Barry McGuigan and Daley Thompson. Even Des Lynam put in a typically smooth appearance and a Back to the Future specification DeLorean car added some Hollywood glamour to the evening (the film was released 25 years ago). The Jarrow Arrow (or more correctly Jarra Arra) was pretty much unbeatable back in 1985 and although Steve never claimed an Olympic gold during his career, he is quite rightly regarded as one of the greats of middle distance running, from an era dominated by Brits. Like almost every great athlete, his ascent to the top of his sport began at his local club,



*Aouita, Cram, Coe and Walker plus DeLorean*

which leads neatly on to...

### **Sedgefield Harriers**

There has been a healthy growth in membership of Sedgefield Harriers in recent months – and most of the new recruits seem to be women. It is noticeable that there seems to be an increase around the country of women taking to running to improve their lifestyle and fitness.

Recent initiatives at Sedgefield Harriers, including two sessions run in partnership rather than directly by the club, have helped fitness runners bridge the gap and be a part of group runs without initially having to make a commitment to join a formal club. Of course, once the first step is taken, it soon becomes apparent that clubs are not solely for serious competitors. Many of the sessions led at Sedgefield Harriers have a big social element and women particularly find comfort and support in running as a part of a group.

The Wednesday evening 7.45pm session is a good example, the group covering four to five miles at a comfortable pace. Monday at 7.30pm is also a good place to start. Once in a club, new members usually find out that they have nothing to worry about and they match other runners with no problem – it seems that

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everyone has the same doubts and fears when they first start out. Another benefit of club membership is access to experienced coaches who can give tips and advice about progression and goals to go with the advice on routes, clothing, distance, footwear and so on that all runners appreciate. And if you're aiming for a charity run or the Great North Run there will always be someone else who is doing the same.

But just because the Harriers seem to be attracting a lot of women these days doesn't mean to say that men aren't welcome! Whatever your ability, the club will be pleased to see you. Full information about Sedgefield Harriers can be found at [www.sedgefieldharriers.com](http://www.sedgefieldharriers.com). Sedgefield Harriers Juniors have also been attracting new members recently, some by finding the club online and a lot as a result of the relationships coach Marie Walker has built up with local schools. The club has a first class coaching structure, providing the opportunity for young people to try out in a full range of disciplines from shot put to sprints before finding where their talent lies and going on to compete if they want to.

This winter there will be a particular emphasis on developing the endurance teams at the club with the clear aim of winning in some age groups at the North East Championships. Young athletes often surprise themselves when they go along to a club session. There is a major pool of talent at the club that is fully coach supported. If you want to be a part of a winning team now is a good time to join.

Well done to Harrier Katherine Crosby who, along with her cousins, staged a charity 10k run in Brinsworth near Rotherham on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July in memory of her uncle Kevin Robinson. An incredible 268 runners took part including Jonathan Wallace, Kerryanne Everett, Rob Morrison and Diane Baines as well as Katherine and John Crosby from Sedgefield Harriers. All proceeds went to cancer charity.

Don't forget that entries are now open for the Sedgefield Serpentine Trail Race, starting/finishing at Sedgefield Cricket Club on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. For more information contact Matthew Jones - [matt.j@sedgefieldharriers.com](mailto:matt.j@sedgefieldharriers.com) or visit the club website. Finally, watch out for a new event from Sedgefield Harriers at this year's Sedgefield Agricultural Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August – the 'Temple Challenge', which is a race from the showground to the Temple in Hardwick Park. Entry is on the day and the winner takes all.



*Sedgefield Harriers at Brinsworth 10k John Crosby, Jonathan Wallace, Kerryanne Everett, Diane Baines, Katherine Crosby and Rob Morrison.*

## SPORTS UPDATE (cont.)

### Rugby Union

As the new season approaches, Sedgefield District Rugby Club has started its programme of summer training. This takes place every Thursday evening from 7.30pm on Winterton Green, behind Winterton Cottages. If you're interested in playing rugby union or getting involved in the club, please get yourself along to a session.

Not too long ago, Sedgefield Rugby Club's end of season ball was held at Hardwick Hall Hotel, with some 130 guests attending. During the night, over £130 was raised for Newcastle RVI Hospital's children's ward. Club awards were presented on the night, which I will list in detail next month.

The club also has a new website - [www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefielddistrictrugbyclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefielddistrictrugbyclub). For further information about Sedgefield District Rugby Club you can also call 07578316499.

### World Cup Football

Viva Espana. That is all.

That's all for this month. As ever, if you have any sports news, please send it to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).

## Sedgefield Village Veterans Jottings

On Saturday 26th June, Armed Forces Day, for Help4Heroes we raised £596.93 in the Village.

£158.00 was stock from Help4Heroes, so we made a donation of £438.93. Thank you very much, Sedgefield.

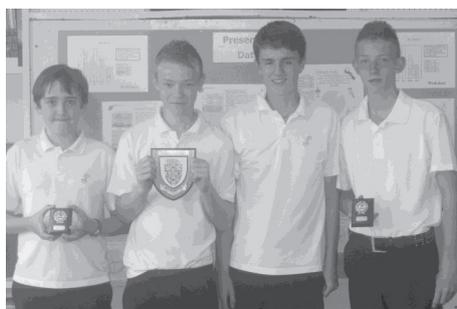
We would also like to thank you for attending our Repatriation Parades. But, we would really appreciate more people joining us, when the flag is flying!

We are holding a 65th Anniversary service at the War Memorial on Sunday 15th August, 10-50 am, when St Edmund's Church congregation will be joining us, led by the Rev Philip Tait."

## Primary School Fete

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA would like to thank everyone who supported the school fete. It was a fantastic day and in total we raised £1,875. This includes £750 kindly provided as match funding from Barclays.

## Maths Challenge



Left-right: Angus Fletcher, James Bell, Robert Pearce, David Garside

On Tuesday 6th July the Maths department took two teams to represent Sedgefield at the County Maths Challenge at Wellfield School. There were 24 other secondary schools from the county also represented. The challenge lasted a full day, consisting of five individual events. It was the first time in six years that Sedgefield had taken part, winning a 4th position in the swiss contest and 3rd place in the relay contest during the day. When the points for the full day were totalled, Sedgefield ended up winning the event overall and also took 3rd place. The students that took part were, David Garside, Robert Pearce, Angus Fletcher, James Bell, Thomas Guppy, Michael Jones, Adam Elders, & Ben Bradford.

## Grateful thanks

On behalf of Fishburn Primary school, I would like to thank T.C. Harrison (JCB) for all their help in providing the necessary equipment to unload our Storytellers chair which was commissioned on our behalf by "Friends of School" and carved by Tommy Craggs. We are all extremely grateful for



*The Storyteller's Chair*

## Folk and Fun Day at Sedgefield Cricket Club

On June 26<sup>th</sup> a folk and fun day was held at Sedgefield Cricket Club. The weather was wonderful and people turned out in force to enjoy the music and activities. On behalf of the organisers, I would like to thank all the musicians and the folks who turned up to support the event. We had a wonderful day and raised £600 for Butterwick Hospice. Thanks to all, *Joan Edmundson*

# August Events Diary

## Residents' Forum Monday 2nd August

7pm in the Fletcher Room

## Sedgefield Family History Computer Group

Need help with finding those elusive ancestors via the internet?

Come along to our computer group

**Mondays - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.30pm

## Sedgefield Gardening Club Tuesday 3rd August - 7.30pm

### Sedgefield WI

#### Wednesday 4th August

7.15pm, Parish Hall

#### "How to be a S.O.C.O." by Ian Wilkinson

Members' competition – your best tip on how to remove a difficult stain

*Visitors are always welcome*

### Farmers' Market

#### Sunday 8th August

9.30 - 1.30

## Neighbourhood Watch Panel Meeting

#### Tuesday 10th of August

7.00 pm

Fletcher Room - Parish Hall

*ALL Welcome*

## Sedgefield Village Veterans

Victory in Japan Exhibition in the Library

#### 10th-14th August

We will also be collecting for Help4Heroes/Sedgefield Veteran Funds

## 157<sup>th</sup> Sedgefield Show Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August

The show opens to the public at 10am  
Please support your local show

## Sedgefield Village Veterans

65th Anniversary of VJ Day

#### Sunday 15th August

10-45am at the War Memorial after service in St Edmund's Church

## Sedgefield Family History

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

#### "Queries and Questions Night"

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
7-9pm

### Sedgefield Library

**(NB Change of time and venue is for this meeting only)**

Do come along & let us help you to find those elusive ancestors

We will have access to the internet & to other research facilities

New members always welcome

**For more information telephone**

**Sylvia Hall 620367**

## Sedgefield Village Veterans

Bi-monthly meeting

#### Thursday 19th August

7pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

*Everyone welcome*

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

No meeting in August.

## Sedgefield Wildlife Group

No meeting in August.

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

No meeting in August.

## Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends

No meeting August

## Local History Society

No meeting in August

## Ladies Club

No meeting in August

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

## Sedgefield Library Events

The Library will be running a range of events and activities to support Space Hop, this years children's Summer Reading Challenge. Please contact the library for more details.

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## Hardwick Park events

### Kite Making

#### Sunday 1st August

1.00pm – 3.00pm £2.50 a Kite  
*Please call to book in advance.*

*Come and make and decorate your very own kite to take home.*

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

#### Thursday 5th August

7.00pm – 9.30pm Limited tickets.

*Please call for cost and to book in advance.*

## Ceddesfeld Art Group

Our small, informal friendly group meets in Ceddesfeld Hall on Thursdays at 10-12 noon.

To join us either call in , or phone Malcolm Scott on 622871 .

*All welcome, regardless of ability.*

## Winterton Wayfarers Walking Group

Each Sunday walks varying in length from five miles to ten miles. New members welcome.

Information ring:620034 or 620434

## Round Table

### 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events.

New members welcome

**Contact Rob on 629079**

[www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk)

## Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Meet Nags Head

### Wednesdays 7.15 - 7.30

New members welcome

629070 or 620562

## Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip!

Fridays 9.30am - 12 Tea, coffee, toast & conversation: *All welcome*

## Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church. Ofsted inspected

### Mon – Thurs 9:15 – 11:45

Spaces for children 2+ years

Contact 621071 or 620572

## Butterwick Moor Wind farm

At a meeting held at Ceddesfeld Hall on 19th July a Community Liaison Group was established to provide a link between E-on, the company developing this wind farm, and local communities. E-on have now commenced construction of the Butterwick Moor wind farm. Access for construction has been established just North of the A689 at Waterloo Corner. The development will consist of 10 wind turbines each assembled from 8 large prefabricated components such as blades, hub, tower sections, etc. These will be brought to the site as large loads travelling on the A689 starting about the 7th September. Everything will be done to minimise traffic disruptions but 80 large loads arriving over a month does require careful planning. More details of these unusual loads will be published next month in the Sedgefield News. In the meantime you can keep up to date with information about the development by going to [www.eon-uk.com](http://www.eon-uk.com), go to the 'generation' tab and 'planning for the future' tab.

### Dastardly trick

As you all know the Town Trip has been running for a lot of years here in Sedgefield and a lot of older people have benefitted from it. This year was no different and the organisers, including myself were very busy displaying posters around the village to let people know in good time about the arrangements. I put a poster up in Ceddesfeld Hall so that everyone had a chance to see it and to my disappointment I found it had been taken down by someone. I contacted one of the Trustees, Maxine Robinson and she said that she would see that the poster was replaced but sadly that was never done.

I cannot believe that someone could be so small minded as to stoop so low to do such a thing. What do they hope to gain from such an act? This is not the first time this has happened. A poster advertising a day trip for the project DIDO was also removed from the Parish Hall internal notice board and that was found in the bin by the cleaner. I had checked up on it myself the night before so we had an idea of who was using the Hall that night but obviously no-one is going to own up to such a dastardly trick.

Please whoever you are and if you have a problem with DIDO or indeed any of us as organisers, come along and tell us about your issues instead of hiding behind these clandestine childish acts.

*Margaret Stewart*

### The Hardwick Arms

If you haven't yet had the chance to try the Hardwick Arms I would whole heartedly encourage you to do so. I went there on a Saturday evening with friends for a meal and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The staff are very attentive (even finding out the tennis scores for us!!); the decor is fantastic, the pub having been totally transformed recently and the food is of a high standard with plenty of choice of traditional English fayre on the menu for both meat eaters and veggies alike. The pub also does lunches. Go on, give them a try!!

*Zena Smith*

### Love Your Library

Do you love your library? Did you know that libraries all over the country are being targeted in the local government cutbacks? Many are being closed or given to local communities to

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run (a few books in the community centre). Our library is an essential part of our community, especially during the difficult times ahead. I use my library to borrow books and for computer access and research. Children use the book section, the children's reading groups, do their homework and join craft classes. We have access to job information, newspapers, local displays etc. Don't forget the wonderful staff who make time to help us in our searches and know many of us by name. Durham County are sending out forms (not very user friendly) to our libraries, to gauge our opinions on the library service. I would urge everybody to visit the library and fill it in. I cannot imagine Sedgefield without its library. Once it's gone, it will never come back. LOVE YOUR LIBRARY.

*P Lamb*

### Car Boot Sale

I received a copy of 'Sedgefield News' from my mother today, along with a copy of 'Sedgefield Extra' as my Uncle, Allan Blakemore has recently been elected as Mayor of Sedgefield and was featured on the front cover. ( Congratulations Uncle Allan!)

I myself have never been a Sedgefield resident, having been brought up in Fishburn, though I note that 'Sedgefield News' is in fact produced 'for the people of Sedgefield, Bradbury, Mordon and Fishburn.' I did however attend Sedgefield Comprehensive School, (as it was then) and my Mother and stepfather, Rose Mary and Bob Gott live in Sedgefield, as do several Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins. I am a regular visitor to both Sedgefield and Fishburn, and will be visiting over the coming Summer.

I have written to you for two reasons. One is to congratulate you on your newsletter. These are a real asset in bringing a community together, for highlighting up and coming events and for recognising local peoples achievements. If I didn't live so far away, (Suffolk!) I would gladly offer to help out with delivering this very worthwhile medium.

My second reason for writing is to express my absolute amazement at the content of one of the contributions featured on your 'Your Letters' page, headed 'Car Boot.' Now I myself have not attended

Sedgefield Car Boot Sale for a long time, probably approaching twenty years in fact. However I regularly attend car boot sales within both Norfolk and Suffolk, living on the border of the two as I do. These Car Boot Sales are for the most part EXTREMELY well attended, both buy sellers and buyers. My point is this: Not one SINGLE car boot that I have attended charges buyers for entering. I find it incredible that the organisers of Sedgefield Car Boot Sale not only charge, but that they have even had the bare faced audacity to implement a two tier payment system, which they then fail to operate properly as highlighted in Mr & Mrs Mays letter! As was also stated in the letter, there were approximately 300 stalls, which at an average fee of £6.00 per stall will have generated an income of £1800.00 – for one mornings work!!! To then charge an entry fee is an example of pure, unadulterated greed on the part of the organisers, particularly as not all stallholders had had an opportunity to get in and set up their stalls, thus denying paying 'buyers' from perusing their wares! I strongly advise the people of Sedgefield and the surrounding villages to boycott this Car Boot Sale, until they come into line with the vast majority of Car Boot Sales and allow free admission. Further to this, I might suggest that The Trading Standards Agency might be interested in the organisers failure to adhere to a minimum standard. This country is in the grip of the worst economic crisis for decades, and I would urge the organisers to examine their collective consciences and abolish their admission fees, and get their act together and ensure all stallholders are in and set up before they 'open up.'

*Paul Bussey*

### Deadline for the August issue of Sedgefield News is August 15th

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