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Sedgefield NEWS

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Sedgefield Welcomes the Princess Royal



The Princess Royal with Norma Neal admire the displays set up in Ceddesfeld Hall by the Sedgefield 700 Groups

Photograph courtesy of Geoff Hill

Despite the atrocious weather over 200 representatives from the Sedgefield 700 Groups braved the torrential downpours and assembled on the village greens together with the children from both primary schools and the play school, to welcome HRH Princess Anne to Sedgefield.

The visit had been in the planning stages for over 3 years but it was all worthwhile when Princess Anne thanked everyone and said she had thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who was involved with the Royal Visit on July 11th. It appreciates that it was not possible for everyone to see the event. Security was very high and the atrocious weather unfortunately meant that the backs of each of the gazebos were in place, thereby preventing residents being able to see much of what was happening.

However, an open invitation is extended to all to come along to the Parish Hall on Thursday August 9th between 2pm and 5 pm when all of the photographs will be on display.

Village Games Success has Exceeded All Expectations!

In recent weeks, Sedgefield has enjoyed its own exciting build up to London 2012. The Sedgefield Village Games have really captured the imagination of the community, with over 20 free sports and cultural events being enjoyed by hundreds of young people.

See page 7 for a round up of the games.



130 youngsters turned up for an evening of athletics, hosted by Sedgefield Harriers (Coach Marie Walker is at the front)



Geoff Blakemore of 1st Sedgefield Scouts gives instruction to aspiring young archer Amy Gulliver

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Seventh Annual Sedgefield Folk Festival

30th August – 2nd September
www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk

Tickets on sale from Council Offices & Festival Office at 48 Station Road (tel. 621347) for concerts in the Parish Hall & St Edmund's Church

Parish Hall concert: Elbow Jane, Jez Lowe, the Young 'Uns, Loose Connection, Bernard Wrigley, Stony Band, George Welch and Stewart Hardy, Pete Morton, Judith Haswell & Trish McClean, John Wrightson Band and Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir.

Parish Church concert: Marske Fishermen's Choir, Lol & Maxine Crallan, Northumbrian Pipers and Lirica.

Irish Dance Workshop: with the Newcastle School of Irish Dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday morning. It's free and open to both children & adults.

Free workshops in Ceddesfeld Hall for ukulele, violin, pipes or spoons, plus Singarounds in Ceddesfeld Hall, the World Spoons Championship and the traditional music & song-writing competition.

159TH Sedgefield Show

The 159th Sedgefield and District Agricultural Show takes place on Saturday 11th August 2012 in the Robert Brown Show Field, West Park, Sedgefield. The Show Committee anticipates a record number of trade stands, entries, and attendees in 2012. Gates open at 10am and car parking is free. Marquees open at 12 noon and visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of activities including a full range of competitions and displays comprising of agricultural classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, classic motor cycles, small livestock, a dog show, and dog agility competition. This year the show will be hosting "The Great Boxing Booth Revival" that will present a programme of sporting and cultural performance in the boxing ring throughout the day. Live music will be performed by the Trimdon Concert Brass Band and a Zumbathon demonstration. New for this year will be The 700 Jubilee Treasure Trail for the under elevens with prizes for every one that competes. A large number of trade stands are also expected including a Police Crime Prevention Team, County Durham Fire & Rescue, UK Land Rover events and Abbey Garage Doors. A number of local and national charities will also be visiting. Ian Mason, Show Chairman, said, "This year the show is supporting the Sedgefield 700 events and producing a show that is 'Bigger & Better than ever before' with the hope to increase attendees to a record high. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their kind support and commitment.

For further information visit www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk Once again, recipients of the Sedgefield News can enter a show day draw to win a First Prize of £100, Second Prize of £50.00 and Third Prize of £25.00. All winners will be announced at the show. To enter the competition all that is necessary is to enter you name and address on the voucher that appears below and place it in the posting box in the Show Secretaries' tent and be there for the draw. (Terms & Conditions Apply).

Name

Address.....

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Phone.....

PROMOTOR Ian Mason for Sedgefield Show Tel 01740 621841
 (terms & conditions apply)

A Royal attendance at Sedgefield Racecourse



Following a superb year of events to celebrate the 700 years of the Chartered Market within Sedgefield, the pinnacle came when Princess Anne accepted an invitation for the unveiling of the Market Cross. Princess Anne's helicopter landed at Sedgefield Racecourse. Sedgefield Racecourse, which continues to support the local economy by investing in local employees and bringing trade into the heart of Sedgefield Town. The racecourse general manager, Jill Williamson, said "What an amazing opportunity this has been to meet Princess Anne and discuss how the racecourse helped promote Sedgefield 700, offering all locals free entry and continued to support local activities. The rain did not stop Princess Anne as she greeted the staff of the racecourse."

School Prom

On Tuesday 3rd July over a 160 Year 11 students from Sedgefield Community College braved the elements to attend the Year 11 Leavers' Prom at Hardwick Hall in Sedgefield. As is now traditional, huge numbers of parents and former students gathered to greet the parade of limousines, sports car and even a fire engine which delivered students to the event. The arrival of students mirrored the glamour of film premieres as students paraded the red carpet to huge cheers, applause and camera flashes. As the celebrations reached their climax Prom King Christopher Tsui and Prom Queen Chloe Basford led the students on to the dance floor, to dance the night away.



More of *YOUR Letters*

With reference to the letter 'Food store windfall' published in the last edition of Sedgefield News, I look forward to the response of the Town Council to the concerns that the author has expressed. If it is the case that the Town Council intend to ignore the proposal to utilise any capital provided by the food store development in contribution to the development of an athletics track and associated sporting facilities, I would like to add my voice to that of the author. Judging by the evidence of the food store planning enquiry, the proposal for an athletics track and associated facilities has a high degree of support. It is a proposal with the capacity to bring Sedgefield Harriers, a club nationally recognised for its excellence at developing young peoples' interest in sport, into a closer partnership with the Community College and other sports clubs. The Town Council will find it difficult to identify a more inclusive project with the potential to provide social and health benefits across all age groups. Of particular significance is the potential that the track and facilities would have to extend and enhance the already outstanding work that the Harriers club does with the children of the village and the wider area.

Concerns may be expressed that the funds to be provided by the food store development will not cover the whole cost of the development of the track and facilities. I am sure that no-one would want to see the funds lay dormant for an extended period while efforts were made to secure the additional money that is required. However, if any proposal that finds the favour of the Town Council is one that requires additional funds, I would feel confident in the knowledge that a proposal backed by a club that has built itself out of nothing to receive the highest national recognition in a few short years has every chance of success. I am sure that the Town Council realises the significance of the rare opportunity presented to Sedgefield and the wider area by the funds that will be made available. I presume that they have deliberated long and hard about the greatest benefit that can be derived from it. I would hope that the proposal that gets their backing will be one that has the potential to provide positive outcomes for large numbers of residents from across a wide age range. I would recommend the athletics track proposal. I look forward to their announcement.

Simon Nott

Editor's note: This is just one of several letters that Sedgefield News has received on this subject, all with similar sentiments. These we endorse.

Road safety outside Sedgefield Primary School

I wrote in Sedgefield News previously (December 2011) regarding the safety of children and parents crossing Rectory Row into Sedgefield Primary. Now after meetings with the Town Council, County Council Highways, the school and local residents, I can give some up date and possibly some hope that things might improve.

After a meeting earlier this year proposals were put to local residents regarding road improvements in the form of road narrowing to allow pedestrians into the road to cross safely. There was some objection by residents to the scheme and a further meeting has been held to discuss a revised scheme, the new proposals (out soon for further consultation) should address the concerns raised.

The plans leave the south side of the road unchanged but provide for build outs on the north side (next to the green) that would allow pedestrians safe access into the road to a point where they could see past any parked cars. It would also allow the parking on the north side to be de-restricted which would benefit all, not just school users.

It is important that we provide a safe route to school for our children, what we teach our kids at primary school age will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Road safety is an important lesson and bad habits such as crossing between parked cars when applied to a busier road can spell disaster.

I would urge all concerned to look at the plans and support the scheme for the benefit of us all.

Andrew Quarmby.

Great North Run for children with arthritis



Daniel and Claire Bell (pictured above) are doing the Great North Run this year for Arthritis Research UK - a huge challenge as they couldn't even run down the street when they started training in Sept 2011. They tell us...

"We are doing the run for this charity and to raise awareness of Arthritis in children. Our daughter Ava was diagnosed with Juvenile idiopathic arthritis in July 2011 aged only 14 months old. Around 15000 children in the UK have JIA, yet many people still think Arthritis is only something that affects older people. We hope to raise awareness of arthritis in children and raise money for the charity, which works solely on donations from the public and receives no government funding. Santander, who Claire works for, have agreed to match fund all donations. Thanks for everyone's support; it is greatly appreciated."

If you would like to donate, please go to www.justgiving.com/claireanddanielbell

Gazebos

The new community gazebos and tables are now stored at the Council Offices, Advice & Information Centre .

Anyone wishing to hire them **must** contact the Town Council Offices, tel 621273 giving as much notice as possible and arrangements will be made for access.

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



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 waits for.

Garden Security, mark valuables with your post code (using a simple UV pen), don't leave tools lying around unattended, and lock them away - out of sight. Install a low-cost security alarm for your shed & keep it **locked**.

Door Callers, Trading Standards, the Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone - **do not buy at the door**; it is usually a costly exercise.! Why not display a **No Cold Calling Home** sticker and ignore uninvited callers - especially those who ignore your notice.

Stickers are still available **free** from the Town Council Offices.

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 for householders is to: -

KEEP THE DOOR CHAIN OR DOOR BAR ON AT ALL TIMES

IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT

A LOCKED DOOR PREVENTS UNWANTED VISITORS

Remember just having a clearly visible deterrent in place really does help to deter the casual thief, who will usually try elsewhere.

Going on Holiday try to make the house look occupied as far as possible.

Use timers for lights and also for switching a radio on & off. Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to remove mail / papers from the letter box and just "keep an eye on the place". A little forethought can save a lot of heartache!

It is for your benefit only.

Next Public Meeting - Tuesday 14th August, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Local Police: 101 (Try to keep notes & get an incident number). Calls are 15p

Durham County Council Wardens: 0300 123 70 70

Community Liaison Officer, Neil Langthorne: 01325 742755

Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Pheasant: 01325 742714

Sedgefield Town Council: 621273

Community Lawyers: 07899 022 133

PC Todd

First of all can I thank all residents who supported the Olympic Torch coming through the village and afterwards the opening of the Village Games. A day to remember I think!

Crime reported this month includes a large flag stolen from outside the Nag's Head public house, lead flashing from a bay window in North End, doors and horse harness from Stockton Road and a mountain bike stolen from a garden in Kerr Crescent. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious.

P.A.C.T.

At a recent Residents' Forum meeting it was agreed that the Police Beat Team should continue to monitor speed and inconsiderate manner of driving in Durham Road around the area of the chicanes.

"You have been warned" .

Pub Watch

A meeting was held in the Black Lion this month. No issues were raised regarding incidents which require further action from members. Police and residents raised concerns regarding persons leaving the Golden Lion in a drunken/rowdy manner. Police will monitor/take action against offenders.

Until next time, Keith

Jottings

Again it was another interesting meeting with opportunity for residents to discuss many issues.

The introduction of parking charges at Hardwick Country Park was felt to be totally unacceptable. It was welcomed that adjustment to timing would mean that those taking part in the 'Park Run' would not have to pay parking charges, but does this not 'smack' of discrimination or at the very least favouritism. The reason given for the Park Run concession is that it enables people to keep fit, exactly the argument put forward for elderly people not fit enough to walk all the way to the Park but wanting to use the park for their exercise - they still have to pay to park!

On the subject of parking - the new parking restriction times for the centre of the village were raised. Waiting times have been reduced so be aware. Enforcement of parking fines will now be controlled by Durham County Council (not the police) and DCC will be using a company who are very vigilant in issuing as many fines as possible - they need to make money! So with the reduction in waiting times (in some areas to 30 minutes) this can be a problem for some people.

The Forum are still pursuing the section 106 money allocated to the village from the Cunningham Court development, at present DCC seem determined to keep the interest earned on this money (over more than 6 years) in their own budget streams and not allocate it to the village, we will keep you undated when we have more information. Some of the s106 money has been used for DCC to buy the woodland at Neville Drive, there is a promise of consultation with local residents on what should happen to the woodland. We have been told that all residents in that area will receive a questionnaire, please respond, don't miss your opportunity to have your say.

Comment was made on the recent Town Council Annual Report and thanks were passed to the Town Council for providing information in the report requested by the Forum i.e. which Councillors claimed their allowance and a

Jottings (Cont)

breakdown of attendance at meetings. It was acknowledged that the great majority of our Town Councillors put in a significant amount of time and attend most meetings, only one showed a low attendance.

The events of the Jubilee Celebrations, Olympics and 700 are too numerous to mention, but what a great time our community has had. A huge thank you must go to all those who have worked so hard to make it all possible. Thank you - it is really appreciated how much work is needed for such things to take place.

Consultation on the proposed huge wind farm on The Isles is again underway, make sure you give your views and be ready for further consultation on proposed building developments in the village Sept/Oct.

There will be no meeting in August, the next Forum will be on September 3rd at 7.00pm in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall but we will keep you informed of any updates in the August Jottings.

Middlesbrough 10K run sponsors needed

Lane Systems Ltd, a local Business IT Support Specialist based in Fishburn, will be participating in the Middlesbrough 10K run on 2nd September 2012 for Cleveland Alzheimer's Residential Centre Ltd in a bid to raise £1000. They are running on behalf of the Fusion Café and Young At Heart, which are managed by Cleveland Alzheimer's Residential Centre Ltd. Fusion Café takes place on the last Friday of every month between the hours of 2pm and 4pm located at Kirkdale Lodge in Stockton. The event is provided free of charge to service users, providing refreshments and entertainment for 2 hours. Young at heart is a User-Led Carer's Support Group for people with Dementia and their carers. The Lane Systems Ltd team are now in training for the event. It's going to be a tough run, with a high donation target, so any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can donate online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LaneSystems, or at our office at Alexander House, Butterwick Road, Fishburn.

Sedgefield's First Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September

Families, Friends, Businesses and neighbours. In fact everyone's invited to enter Sedgefield's first Scarecrow Festival. Why not make a street story, it's a great excuse for a get together, or just have one just sitting by the front door? Keep the kids entertained during the holidays. Its free to enter and Prizes will be awarded. Watch out for posters. Proceeds to the Mayor's Charities, Local Groups and Butterwick Hospice. Entry Forms available from the Town Council Offices, Post Office and Library. Please return them by 24th August.

TICTAC

The Isles Communities Turbine Action Campaign held exhibitions for the public on Friday 13th July in Sedgefield and Mordon. There was a constant stream of people at both events wanting to find out more about E.ON's proposals to build yet more turbines in our area. We also had visits from Phil Wilson and a number of Councillors and members from Durham County Council. Many thanks to all who came to see us and to those who helped, especially Phil and Linda Smith from Number 4 who let us use the premises that used to be Animated Closet and kept us going with a constant supply of drinks. The display boards are still in the window of the shop. Please take the time to have a closer look if you did not get chance to visit us on the 13th.

Sedgefield Playgroup outdoor play area

Sedgefield Playgroup has just had its outdoor play area opened by Sedgefield Town Council Councillor David Brown and the Mayor, Councillor John Robinson.

We decided to seek funding for the outdoor area after conducting a survey of parents to ask them what they thought of Sedgefield Playgroup. A number of parents pointed out that they thought outdoor play was important, and was something we currently did not provide.

Since Sedgefield playgroup is a non-profit making organisation, we did not have enough money to fund such a large project. The area needed to be made safe for 2-3 year old play, which required physical security measures (such as a secure lock up for resource material) as well as safety aspects, such as soft surfacing and fencing.

Playgroup treasurer Barbara Smith managed to secure two lots of funding to complete the project. £5000 was funded by County Durham Community Foundation: Eon Butterwick Moor Wind Farm Community Benefits and the remaining £5000 from Durham County Council Neighbourhood Budget (Councillor Robinson and Councillor Brown). On behalf of the children, we very much wish to pass on our thanks to them all for making this happen. The children are delighted with their new outdoor space and really enjoy playing there. Now all we need now is some good weather to get outdoors!

Jane Jones, Chairman

Sedgefield Playgroup is open 9.30-11.30 Monday-Thursday in term time in the Methodist Church Hall. It is open to all children aged 2 years to school age at a cost of £5 a session.



SPORTS UPDATE

with Sports Editor, *Chris Lines*

Finally, London 2012 is here! By the time you read this, the Olympics will be underway. Every four years, for about three weeks, football disappears from the back pages of the newspapers (sadly that might not be entirely the case this time as Great Britain is fielding football teams!) and the nation suddenly develops a burning interest in the 1,000m kayak sprint, modern pentathlon and double sculls rowing.

Once upon a time, cycling events like the keirin, madison and team pursuit might have fallen into that same category of minority sports that temporarily gain huge popularity. But now, thanks to the success of the British team during the last few years, cycling is a sport that more and more people follow.

One of the first gold medal chances for Great Britain at London 2012 is the men's road race, for which a certain Mark Cavendish is the favourite. Cav, or the Manx Missile, is the fastest road cyclist in the world and has won an incredible 23 stages of the Tour de France during his career. He picked up three more during this year's tour, but this time he wasn't the main focus of British interest.

Bradley Wiggins (and his very impressive sideburns) became the first British winner in the history of the Tour de France. Not only that, but second place also went to a Brit, Chris Froome. They both ride for Team Sky (as does Cav), which is run by Dave Brailsford who also manages the British cycling team. Brailsford has masterminded the transformation of the team into the world's best.

It's hard to over emphasise how significant the Tour de France win was, so I won't try. Over the years, cycling has been badly tainted by doping, but Wiggins and co are starting to put the shine back on the sport in general, and they are delivering sustained British dominance. It is wonderful to witness and is creating a huge surge in interest in the sport in the country, which bodes well for the future.

Ironically, cycling was one of the sports that didn't feature in the Sedgefield Village Games. However, given the reaction to the games, I don't think we've seen the last of them and I'm sure that more sports will be involved in the future. They've been wrapped up for this year (see page 7), but watch this space for news of plans for 2013.

Tennis

So far this season, Sedgefield Tennis Club's league results have been good, but sadly also weather affected. The ladies' team currently lead the second division, and are good bets for promotion back to the top tier. Youngsters Mel Lowe and Jo-Jo Booth have helped improve the team, leading to greater success.

Promoted to the first division last year, the mixed team went into the last match with a chance of finishing anywhere from second to bottom. Other results are still to come in, but despite a great effort, they may have just fallen short of staying up. The men's A team may not quite match last year's third place finish in the first division, but are looking very secure for next season.

Meanwhile, the men's B team are pushing for successive promotions up into the second division; new recruits Paul Barton and Richard Bland have added depth to the squad. At the time of writing, it's beginning to look like they may slip to third spot, and just miss out. The new men's C team has had mixed results this season, but has crucially allowed new players to gain valuable match experience.

If you'd like to get on court, and try to go one better than Andy Murray, then check out the club's website at www.sedgefieldtennis.co.uk.

Squash

The squash club participated in the Village Games with an open morning on 7th July. Around 60 children turned up, at least 40 of whom had not played the game before. At one point there were around 25 children on-court at the same time! A demonstration was also put on the village green during the Grand Finale, on a damp and wet Wednesday night.

The club hopes that some may get an appetite to get along on a Saturday morning more regularly. Junior coaching resumes on 1st September, so please contact the club if you want to give it a go.

2012-13 should be an exciting season, with men and ladies entering additional teams into the Durham and Cleveland leagues. In particular, big things are expected from the ladies, having finished runners up in Division 1 last season, and boasting some new players this year.

On the home front, the club is hoping to complete refurbishment of the balcony area and enhance coaching provision for adults and juniors. This season will also see an inaugural

racketball competition, in November. The season starts with a friendly team handicap competition on 29th August, the ideal way to get match fit after the summer break.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Chris Rowsby on 621125 for more details.

Junior Football

Sedgefield Youth U12s are looking for new players to be part of the squad for the Sunday TJFA League. Anyone who is interested can contact David Ryder on 07515 020766 or David Solly on 07580 052867, or visit www.sedgefield-youth-fc.co.uk.

Community College

Sedgefield Community College recently hosted two major sports events co-ordinated by Sedgefield School Sport Partnership in the lead up to London 2012. Tuesday 3rd July saw 1,000 youngsters, aged 5-11 from 28 schools descend on the college to take part in the Taylor Shaw Sedgefield SSP 2012 Primary Games. Events began with a dance display from the Sedgefield Community College Dance Group. The mass opening ceremony continued with a parade of schools and then Kate Dovaston, James Maddison and Ryan Bourner from the college made welcome speeches and read the competitors' and officials' oath.



Olympic style events used all of the indoor and outdoor sports facilities, hosting boys' and girls' football, tag rugby, athletics, basketball, boccia and tennis. Representatives of sponsor Taylor Shaw were on hand to present medals at each event, while 40 leaders and four college PE staff hosted and officiated during the different events.

Two days later, 400 secondary students from six schools participated in the Carillion Sedgefield 2012 Secondary Games. Boys and girls competed in a wide range of sports. 78 students from Sedgefield Community College took part and gained gold medals in athletics, boccia, girls football, rugby league and table tennis, as well as winning the overall Carillion Cup for best school.

As ever, if you have any sports news, send it to chrislines@aol.com.



The Sedgefield Village Games

We've covered the Village Games extensively in Sedgefield News, with good reason. The games proved to be a great community celebration. Hundreds of young (and not so young) people participated in over three weeks of sporting and cultural events that represented Sedgefield at its very best. Here's a round up.



The Sedgefield Village Games became a major talking point during the three weeks and a half weeks that they lasted. Thanks to the involvement of many sports clubs, and other societies and community groups, the games organising committee was able to put on a programme of over 20 free events, with the aim of encouraging young people to try out new activities.



The response was fantastic, with hundreds of people getting involved and ensuring that the Sedgefield Village Games were a great success. The games got off to a high profile start with a concert, then an opening ceremony on the village green immediately after the Olympic Torch relay visited Sedgefield. The sport kicked off with rugby a couple of days later. The enthusiasm of the youngsters who turned up for that first sports event reassured games organisers that a big success was on



the cards.

Every event in the Village Games was well attended, with some struggling to cope with demand. During the course of the games, hundreds of young people from Sedgefield made the most of the opportunity to try their hand at a wide range of sports and activities, including rugby, football, cricket, golf, archery, athletics, bowls, boxing, Wigglets,



Youngsters in the village were issued with an attendance card, which they got signed at each games event they attended. By attending one, they earned a certificate. Going to three was worth a bronze medal, while participating in four events earned a silver. A gold medal could be won by attending five events or more.

Children in Sedgefield were definitely enthused by this and a special certificate and medal presentation event was hastily organised after the games had finished. Over 60 youngsters showed up to collect and be photographed with their certificates or medals.



One of the big highlights of the Sedgefield Village Games was undoubtedly the Family Fun and Games Afternoon. Around 300 people headed to Sedgefield Cricket Club for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon that will be remembered with great affection for a long time.



The games concluded with the Grand Finale and Closing Ceremony on the village green - a (damp!) evening of entertainment, demonstrations, and the presentation of Hays Travel performance awards to individuals or groups nominated by the clubs and societies that had participated in the games.

Many individuals and organisations contributed to the success of the games, from the town council, to the scouts, all three schools, individual clubs that hosted events, and groups such as Escape. The project was co-ordinated by an organising committee, chaired by Ean Parsons, and involving representatives from throughout the local community.



Ean Parsons said: "The success of the games has really exceeded our expectations. It was hard to predict how many young people would get involved, but it's safe to say that they embraced the idea in a big way. We're very grateful to every organisation and individual for hosting free events for the children of Sedgefield and helping to ensure that the Village Games will be the first stage of creating our own lasting legacy for London 2012 in this part of the world."



Everyone involved gave their time voluntarily, but it would all have been in vain if parents and children hadn't been so enthusiastic. In the end, the big question that emerged is, 'what next?'. That's all to be decided. Meanwhile, you can view photos and videos from the games on www.sedgefieldgames.com and www.facebook.com/sedgefieldvillagegames.



August Events Diary

This service is free to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 1st August

7.15pm in the Parish Hall

Jerusalem Eye Hospital slide show by Elizabeth Chandler

Members' competition - a pair of sunglasses. Visitors very welcome - the £2.50 fee includes refreshments

Sedgefield Social Club

Sat 4th Eric Lee, Vocalist

Sat 11th Chris De Verne, Vocalist

Sat 18th Kim Stevens, Vocalist

Sat 25th Ben Dillon, Vocalist

Cover charge of £1.50 per person.

Members & guests welcome

Wed 8th Folk night, Singers, Musicians, Members & their guests welcome, No cover charge

Mon 20th Country night, Eric White, Cover charge of £3 per person

All welcome.

Concert Room available for functions

Tel: 01740 620591 to book

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 5th August

On the village green

Eddies@4

Sunday 5th August

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

Sedgefield Show

Saturday 11th August

Robert Brown Showfield

Gates open at 10am

Marquees open 12 noon

Please support your local show

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 12th & 26th August

1pm Ceddesfeld Hall.

All levels welcome.

Contact 01642 588197

Neighbourhood Watch

Panel Meeting

Tuesday 14th of August @ 7.00 pm

Fletcher Room - Parish Hall

All Welcome

Not meeting in August

Residents' Forum, Flower Club, Both Local & Family History Societies, Gardening Club, the Country Market

Fishburn Art Group

Summer Exhibition

'Art in Nature'

In the Temple of Minerva, Hardwick Park

Monday 30th July to

Monday 3rd September

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Some paintings for sale.

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Wednesday 15th August

VJ Day commemoration at the War

Memorial. 10.45 am

Thursday 16th August

Meet in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7pm

Friday 17th August Coffee morning in the Parish Hall, 10.00—12.00

August in the Library

This year sees the return of the summer reading challenge to Sedgefield Library. Children will be able to join the 'Story Lab, the summer reading challenge 2012' earn stickers while they complete their challenge and receive a winners medal when they finish. We will also be running a luck dip, children taking out 4 or more library books in one visit get to enter our FREE lucky dip.

Friday 3rd August 10 - 11am

Viking Saga Story time with Niall

Thursday 9th August, 10 - 11am

Greek myths craft with Ann

Monday 13th August, 10 - 11am

Magical craft with Katie (under 7's)

Tuesday 21st August, 11am

Charlie the magician

Thursday 23rd August, 10 - 11am

Crafts for girls with Ann

Friday 31st August, 10 - 11am

Dragon myth craft with Niall

For more details please contact

Sedgefield Library.

Hardwick Park in August

Family Crafts: Summer Crowns

Wednesday 1st August

11am-3pm: £2 per child

Outdoor Theatre: Sleeping Beauty

Saturday 4th August

3pm: £12 Adults, £8 Child

£35 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Family Crafts: All about trees

Wednesday 8th August

11am-3pm: £2 per child

Family Crafts: Puppets in the Park

Wednesday 15th August

11am-3pm: £2 per child

Family Crafts: Fantastic Fish

Wednesday 22nd August

11am-3pm: £2 per child

The Romans Return

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August

11am-3pm: £4 each, £12 family

Family Crafts: Frogs & Butterflies

Wednesday 29th August

11am-3pm: £2 per child

The History of Hardwick Park

With Photo Opportunities

Wednesday 29th August

1.30-3.30pm

£4 adults, £10 family, under 5's free

To book tickets or find out about more activities, call 01740 621505, or pick up a full programme at the Visitor Centre.

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 Carpet Bowls Club

Meets every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30 - 12.00 in Ceddesfeld Hall. Tea, coffee, conversation & healthy exercise. Beginners welcome. For more info call Sheila on 622532

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

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

Lyrics Choirs

Restarting in September, both choirs welcome

new members, on Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:

from 8-18yrs at 6pm; Adults 7.30pm

Sedgefield's First Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September

Free to enter. Prizes to be awarded.

Maps and refreshments. Watch out

for posters. Proceeds to Mayor's

Charities - Local Groups and

Butterwick Hospice

Entry Forms available from the Town

Council Offices, Post Office and

Library. Please return

by 24th August.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Advance notice - September 21st

The BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support,

also in the Parish Hall

Medieval Fayre Committee

Who were the Medieval Fayre Committee trying to kid [News, June p.3] when, as claiming it to be the purpose of the report, they "clarified" it to be a myth that village pubs donate to the Fayre's coffers? This was an unsubtle dig at those who didn't. I've no vested interest in any of our pubs, but the accusation seems rather unfair. It clearly rankles with some Committee members that nothing was forthcoming, but why stop there? Think of the other targets you could have a go at ... how about having a go at any locals who either didn't donate anything for the stalls, didn't stay for long enough (hey, the rain cleared up by lunchtime), failed to buy a raffle ticket and butterfly cake in Ceddesfeld?

The fact that some of the pubs probably have good takings on Fayre day doesn't justify this criticism. Good luck to them I say. Anyone who ventures out on an average weekend would agree that the pubs aren't anything like as busy as they were say 15-20 years ago. The profit margin on a pint is slim. Running a pub is a hard game.

Where is the evidence that "thousands" of extra pounds are taken on Fayre day? And have those Committee members considered how many other charitable donations are requested of our businesses throughout the year? A business can't say yes to everyone. If ever a set of remarks is likely to have a negative effect, this was it.

Chris Bunting

The Royal Visit

May I congratulate all those who contributed to the success of the visit of the Princess Royal to Sedgefield on 11th July, as usual despite the appalling weather the people of Sedgefield demonstrated how to put on a good show. I would like to make special mention of Leslie Swinbank and all the Parish Council staff who coordinated the day's events. As the current Chairman of the Sedgefield Community Association, I was involved in the regular meetings which were held to keep everything on track and saw at close hand how much work went into pulling it all together.

Phil Broomhead, Chairman SCA, Ceddesfeld Hall

Car Accident

On Thursday June 28th somebody drove straight into "The Bread and Beer House" (Mordon Lodge) at the T

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junction coming from Sedgefield on Racecourse Road. We were not at home or at the back of the house when it happened. We found out in the evening when we walked into the bedroom and found all our luggage thrown through a walk-in cupboard door. There was a big hole in the wall and cracks every where. We went outside and saw debris from a car (police identified it later as coming from a Ford Mondeo year 2007-2010)

The stones were pushed into the bushes and the house wall. No view of a car or driver, debris including number plates etc which we assume was broken and which might have given the colour of the car or even its identity.

Everything was carefully removed. If anyone has seen anything, we will appreciate a phone call. It could have happened between 1 pm and 4 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm. Please come forward, it is disappointing when someone damages people's property without leaving a note and telling who has done the damage. Please let us know if you have seen someone or something or noticed a damaged Ford Mondeo year 2007-2010 somewhere.
Karen Einshoj, 01740 621198.

Great North Run

Readers of Sedgefield News who try to spot local runners in the Great North Run may be interested to know that this year I will be running as Carmen Connections - a distant relative of Carman Miranda! I'll be



shaking my maracas in memory of, and in tribute to, my very good friend, Craig Yetman, a devoted family man who

ran the successful motor dealership, Car Connections. My chosen charity this year is Diabetes UK.

John Nicholls, 24 The Meadows, Sedgefield TS21 2DH; 01740 622141

(More of "Your letters" on page 3)

Flower beds shining!



I would like to add my two pennyworth to the debate regarding the 700 cross on the bank side of the Churchyard and the flame on the green. I think the photos say all that is necessary! Well done to the team for their creations - they are brilliant. Only the weather has retarded the density of the flower heads, but they still shine out.

David Hillerby

Macmillan Fund-raiser

Last Christmas I decided to enter this year's Edinburgh Marathon. Instead of asking for sponsorship, I held a little fund-raising evening in aid of Macmillan. I would like to say a huge thank you to Sedgefield Cricket Club who allowed me to hold my event free of charge. I would also like to thank Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield Race-course and George Bolam Foods Ltd for generously donating raffle prizes. The evening raised £454 and I thank everyone who came along. And yes, if you're wondering, I managed to complete my first ever marathon under a blue sky and blazing hot sunshine in 5 hours and 19 minutes (I'm not built for speed!). My justgiving page www.justgiving.com/JoanneMartinEMF is still open, and I am very near my target of £700....if you feel able to donate, I would be extremely grateful.

Thank you, Joanne Martin

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