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Sedgefield NEWS

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160th Sedgefield Show

Organised by the volunteers of Sedgefield & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society (Charity No: 1042014)
Who 'seek to improve agriculture, forestry, horticulture, allied industries, rural crafts and the breeding of livestock'

Saturday 10th August 2013

So much more to see & do:

Elaine Hill's Sheepdogs Display	South Durham Hunt Hounds
Trimdon Concert Brass Band	Fun Fanatic Flyballers
Children's Trail	Education Tent
Food Hall & Craft Tent	Vintage Vehicles
Cattle, Sheep & Dairy Goats	Horse Show
Farm Produce & Eggs	Horticulture Tent
Home & Handicraft Tent	Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits & Cavies
Grand Parade	Fun Fair Rides
Food & Refreshment facilities	Licensed Bar

More Trade Stands than ever before.....

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Robert Brown Showfield, West Park Lane, Sedgefield, TS21 2BX
www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk

Gates Open 10am Free Car Parking
Adults £6 Concessions £4 Children £4 (under 5's free)



Joyful celebrations by the competitors

Hardwick Primary School Sports Day

To the delight of staff, pupils and parents Sports Day at Sedgefield Hardwick went ahead this year after having been rained off for the previous three years! It was a fantastic Community Event with over three hundred spectators cheering on our pupils during the athletics events and enjoying cream teas and strawberries provided by The Friends of Hardwick School.

Pupils raced for their inter-school teams in many events including a traditional sack race and a fiercely competitive sprint. Oak were victorious overall, with Elm coming a close second, two points behind. All pupils were involved, excited and supportive of other competitors. The finale of the day was the teachers' race for which Mrs Newton (Head Teacher) is claiming a very suspect win!

"The atmosphere was wonderful and it was really delightful to see the staff and children having so much fun. I feel so lucky that my two children attend such an amazing school with staff who make pupils feel like they are part of a family. I couldn't be prouder to say my children attend Hardwick Primary school." Mrs C. Wilkinson (Parent)

This event showcased the true essence of Sedgefield Hardwick and has been a great conclusion to one of the school's most successful years. With Ofsted judging the school as 'Good and improving' in November 2012 we have gone from strength to strength. Academic results that are well above the National Average have seen Sedgefield Hardwick recognised as one of County Durham's most improved schools...a firm foundation upon which to base our Grand School Re-Launch in September 2013.

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for brilliant business opportunities - plus all the news, our twitter feed, pictures, more sport and your events online

College celebrates sporting achievements

280 pupils, parents and staff of Sedgefield Community College attended the 15th Annual Sports Presentation Evening, sponsored by Hays Travel, on Monday 24th June.

The evening was made particularly special by the presence of special guest Stephen Miller, the 5 times Paralympics athlete and multiple gold medal winner who captained the London 2012 Paralympics athletics team.

Boys Sports Personality of the year was Callum Johnston, and Girls Sports Personality of the year was Rebecca Hocke (*both pictured below with Stephen Miller and a representative of Hays Travel*).

Other award winners were:

Year 7, Ben Solly & Charlotte Raw

Year 8, Rhys Piercy & Rebecca Wilson

Year 9, Thomas Lawton & Sophie Tierney

Year 10, James Bullen & Abbie Stoker

Year 11, Aidan Churlish & Alice Wanless

Leadership - Ryan Bourner & Shannon Hodgson

Dance - Melissa Muncaster

Sports Apprentice - Tori Jayne Golsworthy Miller

Team of Year - Year 8 Indoor Rowing Team

Endeavour - Thomas Callaghan & Caitlin Penning

Outstanding Achievement - Jordan Williams, Scott Lyons & Beth Donaldson

Dedication - Ryan Telford & Ellie Gaines

"A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all who attended. It was great for teachers, parents and students to celebrate together. Well done to all award winners." *Steven Hepples (Head of PE and Sport)*

The PE faculty at Sedgefield Community was recently recognised as 'outstanding in all respects' by Durham County.



PC Todd

From time to time we see an increase in minor criminal damage and Anti-Social Behaviour. This is one such time with damage being caused to the inside of the Church Wall and various trees in the Church grounds. Another area which has seen an increase in ASB is the Winterton Children's playground. 10 metres of fencing was deliberately smashed. I would remind our younger residents that this type of mindless behaviour will not be tolerated and anyone caught will be prosecuted.

Other crimes reported include a burglary in Cragside where a door to an empty property was forced and tools taken from within. Lead flashing was stolen from the council offices, an ornamental tree and ceramic pot were taken from Queens drive and damage was caused to the fence surrounding the Astro Turf on the grounds of the Community college. Overnight Sat/Sun 29th June vehicles were damaged by persons running over them in East End, East Parade and Orchard close. The idiots responsible need catching! Information please.

Sgt. Brian O'Connor has now retired from his post in Sedgefield and the Police. We wish him all the best for the future and look forward to having a new Sergeant in post in the near future.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at the Nags Head. No incidents were reported that requires further action from members. A letter of apology was received and read to members. Consideration will be given to allow this person to enter premises or continue with his current Pub Watch ban. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

P.A.C.T.

Due to the increase in Anti-Social behaviour around the centre of Sedgefield, it has been agreed that the Beat Team would focus their efforts in this area which includes St Edmunds Church grounds/lichgate, Front Street, Youth Shelter and ponds behind Ceddesfeld Hall. Any person found causing ASB will be robustly dealt with.

Until next time.

Keith

For local Police, call 101

**Crime Prevention Officer, Duncan Gill,
01325 742714**

**Community Liaison Officer,
Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755
Parking Shop 0191 3846633**

Residents' Forum Jottings

As always much discussion and opinions on various issues affecting our community. High on the agenda at the moment are potential problems as a result of live music events around the village. There is great annoyance that Durham County Council (DCC) is creating what they call an 'agricultural' entrance into East Park off the small roundabout at Hardwick Country Park. Such an entrance off a main road will be at considerable cost to tax payers in these times of financial cuts to services. DCC maintain the entrance is necessary for grass cutting etc of the park – strange that they have managed for decades with the other entrances; they even claim it will help Sedgefield Show traffic management which a show representative says is completely untrue. Of course the entrance is in fact so that the East Park field can be used as a car park for large events at the Country Park and Hardwick Hall Hotel. It would be really helpful if these people at DCC could be a little more open and honest instead of treating people like idiots – they may even find they would get more support. (Why not give your opinion on such things with a letter to Sedgefield News?)

Discussion took place on the Hardwick Live event to be held at Hardwick Country Park in September – Hardwick Hall has applied for a licence to hold such an outdoor event every year. Residents expressed concerns about potential noise issues and the whole logistics of such an event but it was agreed that no-one wants to stop people having fun and our local businesses being profitable so it was agreed that objection be registered to permission for every year and the permission should be given for individual events so that the results of the September event can be assessed and each future event judged on its merits so that residents and the Town Council can comment on each. This view was also given to the Halls application to hold outdoor film events. It was emphasised that no-one wants to stop people enjoying themselves but in turn residents are entitled to enjoy the peace and quiet of their own homes so should not have noise and disturbance intrusion. If you have any

Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Sedgefield Town Council

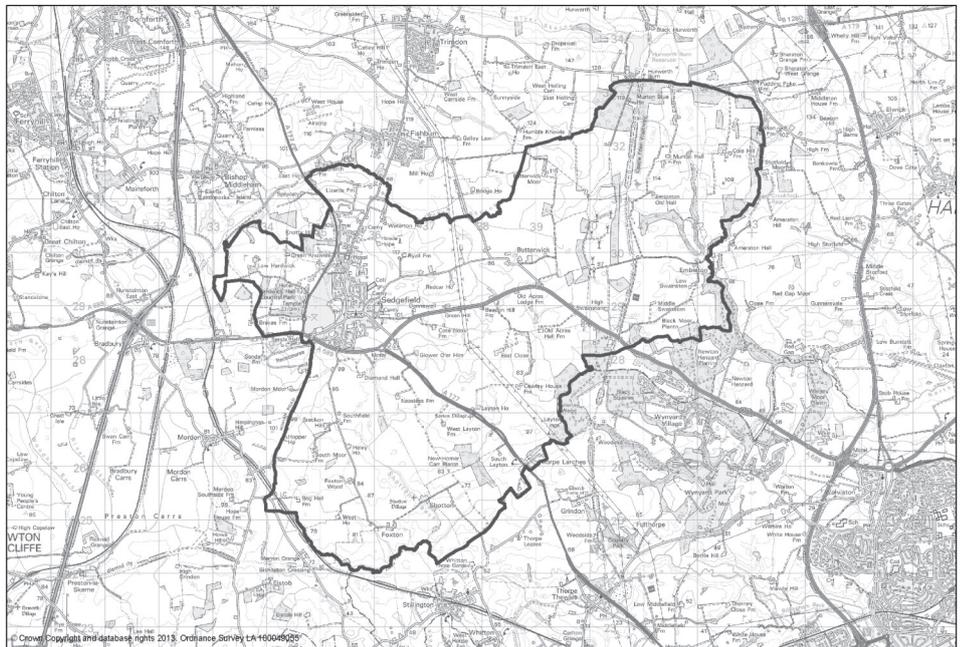
Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations (2012) Durham County Council has received a Neighbourhood Area Application from Sedgefield Town Council as a relevant body under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990:

This is the first stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process. If this application is approved, Sedgefield Town Council will work with the community to develop a **Neighbourhood Plan** - a set of rules, written and approved by a local community, which can influence what kind of physical changes may take place in the local area.

1. The area of the plan is based upon the parish boundary, as shown below, which is seen as appropriate due to common issues important to the communities across that area.

2. The parish comprises the settlement of Sedgefield.

If you wish to comment on this application, representations regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Area can be made via email to: spatialpolicy@durham.gov.uk or alternatively by letter to Regeneration and Economic Development, Spatial Policy Area Planning Team, Room 4/24, County Hall, DH1 5UQ. Representations should be received no later than **15th September**.



Residents' Forum Jottings (cont)

problems you can contact the Senior Public Protection Officer Susan Gallimore on 0300 267171 email. susan.gallimore@durham.gov.uk or register your problem at the Town Council office.

Anti-social behaviour is on the increase across the village, Winterton estate is particularly badly affected with large groups of youths causing damage and nuisance. Various areas within the village are experiencing problems from some young people.

As always it is not all young people but when you do see problems please report them to the police the only way we will get appropriate action is by reporting problems. Authorities work on statistics so the higher the number of reports the greater the attention given – don't leave it to others to report things just take a few minutes to ring the police. We have some great young people in our communities so let's 'weed out' the ones causing problems so all don't get the blame.

The next Forum meeting will be on 2nd September at 7.00pm in The Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall but watch out for information on consultation events (things will affect YOU) and so try to attend. More residents are finding it useful and interesting to attend Town Council meetings. The new Town Council are certainly 'taking on' and dealing with residents issues.

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



Presented the Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2013 in the Village Primary Schools

Hardwick Primary School

On Thursday 17th July Neighbourhood Watch representatives attended the Year 6 leaver's ceremony and were privileged to present this annual award to the *most deserving pupil of the school year 2012/2013*; that pupil was Daniel Mann.

Daniel's year teacher Anne Burns provided some of the reasons why Daniel was the natural winner of this award: Daniel has been a credit to the school and to his family in the way he relishes the opportunity to take on wider responsibilities, especially within school but also within the wider community. He can be relied upon to undertake tasks with precision and commitment, making him an excellent role model for other pupils both within school and when representing the school in many interschool festivals.

Arriving at school early every Friday morning, he personally sets up the presentation computer and screen for the Celebration Assembly. He has used his initiative to create his own power point presentation which is used as a framework for these assemblies. These are of almost professional standard and are a testament to his capabilities and work ethic. Daniel's popularity and steadfast enthusiasm saw him elected Team Leader of Chestnut Team where he has proved most effective.

He is an asset during ECO Club where his willingness to help others, take the initiative and accept responsibilities is evident, whether making nesting boxes, creating wild life habitats or during conservation activities.

Outside school Daniel helps out at Rainbows which his mother leads; his caring, considerate nature ensures that all children are treated with respect and are supported by him, whatever the activity.

Daniel shows in abundance, the attributes and lifelong skills which will ensure that no matter what he undertakes or to whom he communicates; the situation will be enriched as a result of his involvement.

In presenting the Citizenship award Neighbourhood Watch congratulated Daniel on his achievement and wished him every success in the coming years.

Sedgefield Primary School

On Friday 18th July Neighbourhood Watch representatives attended the Year 6 leaver's ceremony and were once again privileged to present this annual award to the *most deserving pupil of the school year 2012/2013*; that pupil was Jamie Cook.

Head Teacher Andrea Cox had told N/Hood Watch that whilst there are so many children in school that are eligible to be awarded a citizenship award there was no doubt that if it is one award only – as it is, then that award must be go to Jamie Cook. Andrea had described Jamie as a sensible and mature pupil. Jamie is an excellent role model to his fellow pupils principally due to his behaviour and attitude.

He has a thirst for knowledge and will often complete extra work at home especially where he has wanted to find out more about a topic that has been undertaken in class. His homework has been exemplary throughout his time at our school. Jamie's classmates still talk about projects that he has produced under his own initiative at home; such as the fractions board game he produced for homework in Year 4 and the replica of the Olympic Stadium he created at home this year. Jamie is always keen and willing to help others where needed, putting others first comes quite naturally to him. Another example of his support for the school is that he has been responsible for taking care of the school fish during the year. Throughout his attendance at Sedgefield Primary Jamie has set such a good example to his classmates and pupils around the school that it was a unanimous decision that Jamie Cook is most deserving of the Alan Sowerby award – Citizen of 2012 - 2013.

Andrea asked Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch secretary Joe McKenna to present Jamie with his personal engraved trophy and framed certificate to record this achievement. In presenting the Citizenship award Neighbourhood Watch congratulate Jamie on his personal achievement and wish him every success in the coming years.

Footnote: - Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch members wish to extend congratulations and best wishes to all staff and pupils at our two Primary Schools for continuing hard work and their achievements



Left:
Daniel Mann with his Awards and his Proud Parents



Right:
Jamie Cook with his Awards and his Proud Parents

August Events Diary

These pages are free to non-commercial organisations

Friday 2nd

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall
10 till 12 noon

Sunday 4th

Farmers' Market from 9.30am

New Generation Church

Meeting 11.00am every Sunday.
4th, 11th and 25th at Sedgefield Parish
Hall. 18th at Sedgefield Community
College. Everyone welcome

Eddies@4

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

Wednesday 7th

Sedgefield WI

Parish Hall, 7.15pm.
The Life, Times & Travels of Peter Lee
by his granddaughter Wyn Colman
Members' Comp; a holiday postcard
Visitors always welcome (fee £3.50)

Friday 9th

Country Market Parish Hall 9.30-11am. Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts, plants

Contact us with your events...

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Sedgefield Charities: Grants to Students

The Trustees of the Sedgefield Charities
make a number of awards each year to
residents in the Sedgefield area who are
taking up full time study beyond A level
or its equivalent.

Applicants must live in

**Bradbury, Bishop Middleham,
Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon,
Sedgefield or Trimdon.**

**Application forms & further
information can be
obtained from**

**John Hannon, Clerk to the Trustees,
East House, Mordon, Sedgefield,
Co. Durham, TS21 2EY**

Telephone 01740 622512

Email: east.house@btinternet.com

**The closing date for applications is
30th September 2013**

Saturday 10th

Sedgefield Show (see front page)

Sunday 11th (& 25th)

Grand Gala in Hardwick Park

Ceilidh at Hardwick Hall (see page 7)

NECP Concertina Workshop

1pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.
Contact 01642 588197

Thursday 15th

Sedgefield Village Veterans

VJ Day Service
War Memorial 2pm

Tuesday 20th

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Bi-monthly meeting
Ceddesfeld Hall 7pm

Saturday 31st

Mordon Table Top Sale see p7

Events in September

Monday 2nd

Residents' Forum

7.00pm in the Fletcher Room

Friday 9th

Sedgefield and District U3A

2.00pm in the Parish Hall
A talk from Martin Richardson
"Is Harry Potter relevant?"
Members free, Visitors £2
For details, Ray Manning 629276

Events in October

Tuesday 8th

Neighbourhood Watch

7.00pm in the Fletcher Room

Sedgefield Social Club Events in August

Saturday 3rd August Courtney Paige
Female vocal

Saturday 10th August Mark Thomas
Guitar vocal

Saturday 17th August Alec Blackwood
Vocal

Saturday 24th August Dave Lynn
Vocalist (ex Rascals)

Saturday 31st August Danny Ocean
Guitar vocal

Cover charge £1.50 pp

Members and their guests welcome
Country Night Monday 19th August

Brian Gibson

Cover charge of £3 pp – All Welcome.

Concert Room available for functions.

Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Regular meetings

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 Playgroup

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

Fishburn Art Group

Youth & Community Centre, Butterburn Rd
9.30am -12 noon, Mondays

Community College Bowls

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm. Carpet Bowls or
Short Mat. Individual coaching available. No
age limit. Contact, J. Kinghorn, 623198

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

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
Tues 9.30-12; Wed 10-12.30, Thurs 1- 3.30

Craft Club

Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm
New crafters always welcome

CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre

Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm

(alternating with Trimdon)

Also Fishburn Sure Start Centre

Fortnightly Fridays 10am-1pm

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 Carl on 07775644598

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays
9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:
SLYC 8-18yrs 6pm: Adults 7.30pm
New members welcome.

Contact us with your events...

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Grand Gala in Hardwick Park

Sunday 11th August

The Friends of Hardwick are promoting a Grand Gala to mark the 150th anniversary of a fund-raising event which was held on the same day in 1863 for the benefit of Sedgfield Mechanics' Institute, now the Parish Hall.

It is purely a commemorative event with any funds raised going to the Friends of Hardwick. Activities on the day will, hopefully, include

**'Old Time Athletics' with young competitors in outfits of the time;
Punch and Judy; Guided walks round the Park by characters of the time;
Tethered hot air balloon trips (donations requested.);**

'Hardwick Steeplechase' with Shetland ponies; Fishburn Brass band.
Entrance is free (car parking charges will apply). Catering in the Tower Café.

A fun day for all the family! Everyone welcome.

Friends of Hardwick Ceilidh

in the Boyne Suite at Hardwick Hall Hotel

Sunday 11th August 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Dancing to Ceddesfolk with caller

Tickets £15 (12 years & under £10)

includes hot buffet meal and reception drink

**Call 01740 621431 for tickets or
Email friendsofhardwick@gmail.com**

Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall presents

MORDON on the GREEN TABLE TOP SALE

All your favourite stalls. Refreshments available

Come along, bring your friends and be assured of a warm welcome

Saturday 31st August 10.00am - 12 noon

Sedgfield Folk Festival: 6th - 8th September

Friday evening in the Parish Hall

The Mighty Doonan Band, Irish dancers; Flossie and The John Wrightson Band.

Friday evening in Ceddesfeld Hall

Stockton-Darlington Ukulele Express, Maxine & Lol Crallan and Ceddesfolk.

Saturday at Ceddesfeld Hall

Free workshops in the morning. Annual Song Writing competition & World Spoons Championship on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday afternoon in the Parish Hall

Andy & Jamie McLaughlin; Dan Hands, John Fyffe, the Tea Cups and main guest Edwina Hayes.

Saturday evening in the Parish Hall

The Jay Walkers, the Young 'Uns and the Wild Cats of Kilkenny

Sunday at Ceddesfeld Hall

Singaround and complementary buffet.

Tickets Prices: £34 for the 3 Parish Hall concerts.

£15 for individual evening concerts. £7 for the afternoon concert.

£5 for the concert in Ceddesfeld Hall

Available from Council Office or Festival Office at 48 Station Road, Tel: 621347

Sedgfield Library

Opening hours

Wednesday 9:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Friday 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday 9:30am - 12:30pm

Tel: 03000 269521

Craft Club Thursday 1st, 15th, & 29th 10am-12pm

Summer Holiday Events for children

- Creepy House Reading Challenge 2013
- Creepy drawing competition
- Creepy craft sessions

More details available at the library.

Sedgfield library in association with Age UK present;

'Using computers for everyday life', drop in and drop out learning for the over 50's and carers.

Thursdays 10:30am - 12:15pm

Happy Feet Harriers

My name is Louise and I live in Sedgfield, I am an active member of the Harriers and have started a new beginners group for people who have never run before. I look forward to hearing from you.

Louise McAlpine email:

happyfeetjoggers@gmail.com

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Less than a fortnight after this issue of Sedgefield News is delivered, Durham County Cricket Club will host an Ashes test match at its Chester-le-Street ground. Although now firmly established as one of the leading counties in the country, Durham CCC was only granted first class status for the 1992 season. The club's Riverside Ground (now known as the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground) hosted its first match 18 years ago, before most of its stands and other facilities had been built. Since that game in 1995, the ground has experienced huge changes, all of which have gradually prepared it for this big moment. Meanwhile, the club's first team has also been transformed, from being the whipping boys of county cricket, to winning a one day trophy and two consecutive county championships in recent years, while also providing a regular supply of fast bowlers and the odd batsman to the England team.

Durham County Cricket Club is one of the great success stories of North East sport. While the club continues to face financial challenges, the management of its development (on and off the pitch) during the last 20 years has been hugely impressive and it richly deserves the award of an Ashes test. Judging by the series so far (this is being typed just after lunch on day four of the second test), England could be in celebratory mood by the time of the fourth test at Durham (famous last words...). Regardless, it's a huge occasion for this region and one we should savour. Talking of cricket...

Cricket

Sedgefield Cricket Club 1st XI remain extremely competitive in the highest reaches of the ECB Premier League system thanks to outstanding performances from club professionals Steve Naylor and Nisal Randink, along with Richard Hawthorn, Martin Lower, Martin Cull and Justin Preston. The team have recorded wins against Hartlepool, Normanby Hall, Thornaby and Great Ayton. Although only at the half way stage of the season, the club's senior team is in an extremely promising position. In Division 2 the 2nd XI go from strength to strength, following last years 'perfect' season in Division 3. With John Cavanagh taking over the reins from Mal Dickenson, the 2nd XI sit near the top of the division with fantastic performances from Greame Hughes, Phil Heslop, Connor Whitelock, Luke Henderson and Kieran Latcham, among others.

Anyone who passes the cricket ground on a Saturday morning can't fail to notice the large numbers of youngsters who gather for training sessions. The enthusiasm and commitment of the young people and their coaches is paying dividends, with the club's junior teams all making great progress. We'll have more news of that next month.

Bowling

Doug Starr has been a member of Ceddesfeld Hall based Sedgefield Bowling Club for more than 18 years. He has won a number of trophies in that time but one trophy continued to elude him. More than once he reached the finals of the club's singles tournament, only to miss out, but this year he enjoyed the sweetest of victories over Sheila Sutherland in a tough final. Overcoming all the additional difficulties of playing from a wheelchair with his usual optimism and good humour, Doug also accumulated enough points to become Player of the Year 2013. A worthy and popular winner, all club members send Doug their congratulations.



Athletics

Last month, I reported on the marathons run by Sedgefield Harriers during this spring while mentioning another that would top them all. At time of writing, the marathon in question was in progress, but I can now give details of an extraordinary achievement. Harrier Matthew Jones took on the challenge of the Ultra Marathon 'Run the Wall' - a small matter of 69 miles along Hadrian's Wall. Not only did Matthew survive the experience, he excelled at it. Setting off in a field of 450 - a large number of whom never made the finish line - Matthew finished in an incredible 17th position in an even more incredible time of 12hrs and 25mins. Needless to say, he enjoyed a nice cup of tea after that one!

The Sedgefield Harriers held their ever popular Gerry Kearsley Memorial Summer Handicap on 18th July on over trails (a little over six miles) between Fishburn and Bishop Middleham. The winner was Chris Griffith of Shildon AC. For the Harriers, Richard Fearnside was the first man home and Emily Robertshaw the first woman. Michael Joyeux of Quakers AC was fastest over the course in 37 minutes and 41 seconds. Ean Parsons, chair of Sedgefield Harriers, adds:

"As our esteemed editor of these columns may be too coy to recognise his own achievement of 50 parkruns (49 in Sedgefield, 1 in Worsley Woods) it falls to the sub-editor of the Harriers news desk to point this out to our readers. The very comprehensive stats of parkrun HQ record that Chris Lines has finished first on six occasions and his best time has improved from 19:10 to 18:25. Not bad for a

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lad of his vintage. Mr Lines' achievements give us cause to reflect once more on the phenomenon that is parkrun. "Since its inception in Sedgefield just over a year ago, 1304 different runners (including some walkers) have completed the course 5856 times between them. There is an average of 85 runners per week and the biggest turn out so far has been 181. The course record is held by Durham City Harrier Daniel Jenkin, who recently recorded a time of 16:10. Many local people – not just Harriers – take part in parkrun and enjoy a fun way to start the weekend. Although strictly not a race, the banter at the finish line is always entertaining. For the handful of whippets at the front there is friendly competition to be top dog for the week and then among the rest of the field there is talk of improving time and personal bests. There is usually a gaggle of Harriers comparing times trumpeting personal bests and offering excuses, among them David Round, Paula Quinn, Joanne Ormston and Helen Godfrey, to mention just a few. "One of the most heart warming things is the way parkrun has become a family event; there are many families like the Spinks (mum Jane being the founder of course), the Walkers, the Hearmons, the

Lines, the Buckles, the Weatherspoons, the Morrisons, the Haycocks, the Bristers/Howells and the Godfreys. In fact our sports editor alternates his runs between going for glory one week and then accompanying son Ciaran the next – though popular wisdom has it that Ciaran will be showing his dad a clean pair of heels in the not too distant future. So, if you fancy taking part, there's no fuss about it, it's on every week at 9am from Hardwick Visitors Centre; and it's free. You'll love it. Find out more at www.parkrun.org.uk."

The summer has been packed with outstanding performances by many junior Sedgefield Harriers. It looks like the young athletes are on course to comfortably beat previous years' medal hauls in various events, in both team and individual competitions. Next month, I will try and summarise the key highlights and more details will be posted on www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk.

As August approaches, so does the new football season and I will bring early news of our Sunday league teams' prospects next month, along with news of junior football in Sedgefield.

That's all for now – as ever, please send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Julia Renaissance Costumes

Gloria Wills has sent this picture of the wonderful entertainment on Monday 8th July at DIDO (Days In, Days Out). Julia, of 'Julia Renaissance Costumes' has created all the costumes herself. She gave a talk on each of the costumes, how they were made, and the history of the people she has chosen to feature, including Ann Boleyn, Henry III, Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots.

You could hear a pin drop for about an hour, and everyone really enjoyed the day.

Costume Designer Julia Soares-McCormick creates fabulous costumes with underwear and accessories. She presents Period Fashion Shows, costume talks and displays for stately homes, groups and libraries. Julia specialises in the Tudor period however she will be presenting a



Julia Soares-McCormick with two of her fabulous costumes

new talk called 'Enter the World of Jane Austen' from July 2013. Venues include The Royal Armouries, Raby Castle, Lauriston Castle Edinburgh and Belsay Hall for English Heritage. If you are interested in her work please visit Julia's website on www.tudortalkandcatwalk.com

Your Letters

“Amy’s Event”: A Heartfelt Thank You

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who organised, donated to, and attended the fundraising evening “Amy’s Event” on July 5th at the Parish Hall to raise money for our daughter Amy Stockill. We are overwhelmed by the support and kindness of the community, and although Amy was unable to attend the event as she is still in hospital she would also like to thank all of her friends and family for everything that they’re doing for her. At such a difficult time it is amazing to know that we have the backing of the wider community and there genuinely are not words to express the level of our gratitude. In particular we would like to say thank you for the kind donation of a laptop for Amy from Louise and Paul McAlpine, the Ellen Timney Foundation for their generous donation of a stair lift for when Amy is able to come home, Karen and Stuart Earl for organising such a fantastic fundraiser and for going above and beyond to help us at this time, and to our close family and friends for their love and support. *Frank and Lisa Stockill.*

Help for Elizabeth

My name is Elizabeth Lawson and I have lived in Sedgefield all my life. I have recently graduated with a 2:1 in BSc Geography and Environmental Management from Northumbria University and hope to someday pursue a career in International Development and Disaster Management.

In September I will be going to India for 10 weeks to work on an International Citizen Service (ICS) programme with Raleigh international. ICS is funded and supported by DFID (the Department for International Development) and aims to provide the opportunity for young people to be involved in meaningful overseas development. Each of the ICS projects are aimed at helping to tackle at least one of the eight millennium development goals.

Although I don't actually know the specific project that I'll be working on yet, I will be living with a host family and working in a very remote community. However in order to do this I need to raise £800 to be allowed to go. This money is not to pay for anything for me personally but rather just to fund Raleigh International and allow them to continue to support some of the worlds' poorest people.

At the beginning of August I will be running York 10K in an attempt to help me something that I am sure will challenge me in the three and a half weeks I have to train- I really do hate running. With this in mind I would hugely appreciate any donation, no matter how big or small.

I have included my contact details as well as the link to my justgiving page in the hope that at least a few people would be kind enough to sponsor me.

The Link to my justgiving page is:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Elizabeth-Lawson1>

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SEDFIELD SMILERS

WALKING WEEKEND TO THE PEAK DISTRICT 25/27 APRIL 2014

CALLING ALL WALKERS

A weekend away to the peak district in April 2014 is being planned.

The price of the holiday is £169

A deposit of £50 is all that is needed to secure a place.

Included in the price is two nights dinner bed & breakfast staying at the Ashton Hotel Sheffield.

There is a full day's walk on the Saturday or half a day, led by a guide. lunch is not included. Those doing the half day's walk will be taken by bus in the afternoon to a place of interest. There is a half day's walk on the Sunday then lunch in Bakewell before returning home.

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