

Sedgefield NEWS

February 2013



Beth Donaldson: The award season continues with another Citizen of the Year



Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch were proud to present their Alan Sowerby Citizen of the Year award to Beth Donaldson at Sedgefield Community College in December.

In his commendation, Mr Dave Bowden, Year 11 head, said that Beth has an outstanding record of commitment to the college, staff and community as well as to sport and sport coaching.

Beth narrowly missed out on the head girl position and was previously judged 2nd in the Sedgefield Community Junior Citizen of the Year. Well done Beth and good luck in the future.

Left: The award was presented to Beth by David Hillerby, of Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch. They organise the annual Alan Sowerby Awards in honour of their past Chairman.

In trust: working for the community

Being part of a trust, trying to bring ambitious, sometimes impossible-seeming ideas to fruition (often against the odds and almost always without sufficient resources!) can be a rewarding, frustrating, exhilarating, challenging experience, but one which most of us who have been involved with Sedgefield Development Trust during the last decade or so would not have wanted to miss.

We feel the need now for some fresh thinking.

Can we tempt you to join us?

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Muddy Mayhem not your typical race!

It's a race full of extreme obstacles with wet and muddy terrain. The course will push your physical strength, stamina and mental toughness to the limit. Are you ready for the challenge?

The event takes place at Hardwick Park on Sunday 24 March, costs £15 to enter and the race will start at 11am. Participants vary from the hugely competitive, to fun runners, charity runners and those that have never done anything like this before. Participants can choose to enter the 5km or the 10km race, both will do the same obstacles, the only difference is the 10km runners will have to do it twice!

Throughout the course there will be around 20 various obstacles, these will range from cargo nets, climbing walls, tunnels, tyres, haybales, muddy ditches to open water. There will also be some surprise obstacles along the way. Due to the nature of the course participants must be over the age of 16 to enter and be deemed fit and healthy. All runners are encouraged to fundraise for our chosen charity "Help for Heroes".

To register call 01740 621505 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem.

Right: a taste of the terrain at Muddy Mayhem



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Sedgefield Development Trust:

What? Who? How? Where? Why?

What? An independent charity working for Sedgefield & nearby villages

Who? It is owned by the community and run by community volunteers

How? The Trust earns money by trading, for example, advertising income from Sedgefield News or, we raise money via funding bids.

Where? The charity can only use its funds to benefit the community in Sedgefield, Fishburn, Mordon or Bradbury.

Why? Because increasingly, the needs of society cannot all be met by central or local government. So, please come along to our AGM (*see right*). The formal business won't take long, then you can have your say and join other volunteers in shaping our agenda.

Competition is necessary, but no longer enough

An article from Jon Reeve

Competition and Co-operation are not mutually exclusive. If either is used, results are ok. If both are used together, extraordinary things happen. In pure competition, agents try to succeed not by improving themselves but by undermining others. Think of Premier League football players who will dive or fake an injury to achieve an advantage. The emphasis is only on winning. The result is a race to the bottom.

If competition is combined with co-operation, agents try to succeed by improving themselves and that necessarily means helping their competitors who will mutually respond. Think of the Olympic Games this summer where there was striving not just to win but also to make the experience magnificent for all – even if you didn't win you were not left out. The emphasis is on both winning and achieving greatness together. The result is improvement for all.

Application to Economic Life

We have seen an example in sporting life: football vs Olympics. In business the former would be an investment bank while a historical example of the latter would be Henry Ford's motorcar business – reputedly the most successful business ever.

Privatise the gains, socialise the losses.

Efficiency is a perfectly good idea, but if applied too aggressively can be counter-productive. If each agent only looks after its own profit/loss account, the agents that make the most profit will be those that manage to collect money from the positive aspects of its business while forcing others to pay for the negative aspects of its business. The most extreme example of this is the financial industry's innovation of private-equity firms. A private-equity firm was widely implicated in the near financial collapse of the care home business.

Ideas from Biology

40 years ago, Darwin's theory of evolution was still being presented as 'Survival of the fittest'. The book that did the most to present that idea to a wide audience was Richard Dawkins 'The Selfish Gene', an extraordinary accomplishment mainly because he was such a gifted writer.

Biology has moved on however. While Darwin's theory is still fundamental to the study of life, the theory has been extended and built upon. There has been a lot of work on things like co-operation and symbiosis which arise from Darwin's theory. Both symbiosis and co-operation have been shown to be just as fundamental to life as competition using both experimental and theoretical methods.

Our own bodies are marvels of co-operation. Genes co-operate to build cells, cells co-operate to build organs and organs co-operate to give us life. Of course things occasionally come unstuck. Sometimes co-operation breaks down leaving competition the only route to success. When co-operation between cells breaks down, cells start reproducing uncontrollably. This is commonly known as cancer. Of course cancer is not a sustainable strategy as it eventually kills its host.

Summary – a Sustainable Future

Our athletes have given us a gift, a vision of what lies beyond our current ideas, ideas that came to the fore 30 years ago and have served us well until recently. We need new ideas to make sure we have a future and this doesn't mean dismantling the old ideas, it means improving and building upon them. Evolution not revolution.

Your views in response to articles are most welcome, and if you have a subject you would like to write about, please get in touch. Editor

This is to give notice that
**Sedgefield
 Development Trust**
 will hold its
Annual General Meeting
 on Monday 11th February 2013 at
 7.45pm in the Parish Hall Boardroom

Any special or general resolutions proposed must be with the Company at its registered office, 7 Melgrove Way, Sedgefield, TS21 2JN, no later than 12 noon on Friday 8th February 2013.

All nominations for Directors must be with the Company Secretary by latest noon Friday 8th February 2013.

This AGM is an open, public meeting. SDT is owned and controlled by the community.

Sedgefield Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee; Company Number: 4312745 and is a registered charity; Charity Number: 1100806

Sedgefield Town Council Annual Civic Ball Hardwick Hall Hotel Friday 1st March

Last year the Mayor gave money to local groups and organizations towards Sedgefield 700 events.

This year, fundraising is towards local groups & organizations in Sedgefield, and the Butterwick Hospice.

Tickets are priced at £27.50 and can be obtained from the Town Council office.

Open Meeting: Sainsbury's store Monday March 4th

7pm in the Parish Hall

Discussion on the allocation of the Sainsbury development monies.

Full details in next Sedgefield Extra. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the different groups giving details of their projects.

Mediaeval Fayre 2013

Monday 1st April, 2pm

Selection of May Queen
 (Easter Egg Hunt to follow)
 Free events for under 12s.

Saturday 27th April, 7pm

St George's Dinner; 4 courses & musical entertainment £16

Monday 13th May

Mediaeval Fayre collections start

Saturday 18th May

Mediaeval Fayre

The Mediaeval Fayre committee

is already at work preparing for these events. If you would like to join us in planning the Fayre or help on the day, please let us know.

The next committee meeting is on
Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm
 Contact David/Wendy Gill, 620206, or Pat Buckley-Atkins, 620607.



Sedgefield Players panto, Jack in the Beanstalk

played to packed houses between Christmas and New Year. Another home-grown production written by Thomas Guest with song lyrics by David Jasper and music by Tim Jasper, the show was a very successful collaboration between adult members of the Players and their younger counterparts in SPYS.

Daisy the cow, played by SPYS Lauren Easton and Chelsea Palfreman, scored a big hit with the audience, while veteran performer Terry West strutted his stuff as Dame Laura Trott. Several youth members took leading roles, while two teams of younger SPYS formed the chorus of villagers alongside Players. Carmel College Pit Band provided musical accompaniment and Chris Blakeborough and Paul Robinson brought professional expertise to the lighting and sound effects. The transformation scene, turning a harp into a beautiful girl and a hideous old man into a handsome youth, brought spontaneous applause every performance. The Players are now in rehearsal for their March production, 'Happy Families', a heart-warming comedy by northern playwright John Godber. Details next month.

A small choir with a BIG history!

Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir will sing almost anything, almost anywhere, and if you are between 8 and 18 you can be part of it!

Summer 2012 saw SLYC joining with our primary schools to make a very big noise to celebrate the Village Games (*right*) and the last 27 years (*25th reunion bottom left*) has taken their joyful brand of music-making all over the North East and beyond; in fact, as far as Germany (*bottom right*). Along the way there's been every sort of music, from the deeply serious to the wild & whacky; and this year, a special treat!

They were taken by new leaders, Kristen and Rob, to the best music shop in the North and given free range of all the songs on offer! Concerts this year will feature the best of these, so if you like to sing, bring just 60p to Ceddesfeld Hall at 6pm, any Friday during term time.



Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood and Crime Watch Panel



Home Security - a Brief Reminder

It is all too easy to forget about the open window or the unlocked door; your chance forgetfulness is what the thief is waiting for. Make it a habit to keep doors and windows locked even when you are in the house.

Don't become complacent! Think security; just take the time to routinely practise some simple crime prevention measures, such as those which follow...

House unlit after Dark: use timing switches to turn on lights or radio while you are out, to make your home appear occupied.

Door Callers: Trading Standards, Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone **not** to buy at the door. Why not display a NHWatch **No Cold Calling Home** sticker and ignore uninvited callers, especially those who ignore your notice. Stickers are available **free** from the Town Council Offices (next to the Doctor's Surgery).

Bogus Callers & Walk in Theft: this happens to the least expecting & often to someone who is usually careful. Keep door chain or door bar on at all times especially when answering the door. If in doubt, keep them out. Do not allow entry without an appointment or notification. Remember, a locked door prevents unwanted visitors.

Garden Security: mark valuables with your post code using a simple UV pen; don't leave tools, toys, bikes etc. out unattended, lock them away, preferably out of sight.

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. It is vital that if Emergency Services are called and refer to the information, it is accurate & up to date. This is for your benefit only. A simple method is to put your most recent medication script in the flask (as long as it has all current medication on it).

Jottings from Residents' Forum meeting January 2013

The first meeting of the New Year saw a good 'turnout' of residents. However, it was again disappointing that there was no representative from the Town or County Council; there has been no information or updates from Councillors since October 2012 meeting. The Forum has acknowledged how useful input from Councillors is, in fact residents miss a lot of information without such input.

The meeting again covered issues that seem to be taking an unacceptable time to resolve, in particular, the woodland at Neville Drive/ Cunningham Court and the funds involved in that. We understand residents in the Cunningham Court area have been sent information on Durham County Council (DCC) plans for the area and asked for comments or further suggestions – hardly proper community consultation! But we hope residents take the opportunity to give their individual views; the Forum agreed to send a response and ask for a breakdown of costs. It was also agreed it was time to involve the Press in the efforts to get to the bottom of why DCC retain interest from grant monies i.e. s106 for spending at their discretion, rather than attributing the interest to the relevant project as is seen as good practice by other Councils in the Country.

There was discussion on the progress of The Isle Wind Turbines, the proposed additional house building in the village, the new Sainsbury store, a new bus service using The Lane area of the village. Questions were asked about the Caravan Park at Hardwick Country Park and an update was given by the Area Action Partnership community representative. PC Todd gave a crime report and it is very pleasing to hear of the low levels of crime in our village. He also outlined a request for volunteers to help when he is monitoring speeding in the village. It is simply to help keep an eye on the readouts on the machines whilst the attending Police Officer is watching the vehicles, and is for quite short periods. Anyone interested please contact PC Todd.

The Forum also discussed the elections which will take place in May. In the past there have never been a great many residents standing for election; it would be really good to get some new and younger people who have made Sedgefield their home, to shape the future for their families. No particular qualifications are required - only a desire to do what is right for all our community. There is no need to be a member of any particular group or party. Forum members would be happy to help anyone interested so please get in touch.

The next Forum meeting is on March 4th at 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

PC Todd

Recently released figures for 2012 reveal that recorded crime in Sedgefield Village is down by 26% and Anti Social Behaviour is down 60%. This downward trend continues in Fishburn and the Trimdons. This is good news, but we must not be complacent.

Thieves and low life in our society are still out on the streets. The police and, in particular, your local Neighbourhood Police Team will continue to work with the community to reduce these figures further during 2013. I would encourage residents to attend their Neighbourhood Watch meetings and Residents' Forum meetings which include the P.A.C.T. (Police and Community Together) meetings. These are YOUR meetings, so please come along. Details can be found in your Sedgefield News.

At the time of writing this report we have suffered four crimes in the village this year which include two plant pots containing ornamental trees taken from Turnpike Walk and two wheels taken from a Ford Escort in Eden Drive. The wheel arch was removed from a vehicle in Winterton and damage caused to a shop window in the High Street.

P.A.C.T.

A meeting was held recently at the end of a Residents' Forum meeting. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Police Team should continue to focus their attentions in Durham Road, especially motorists driving through the chicanes. Many people have noticed bad manners and poor driving skills in some drivers manoeuvring through the road safety area. You have been warned! Some drivers have already received warning letters through the post.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Golden Lion. Licensees report having had a busy and friendly Christmas and New Year. The one incident which spoilt the party which took place in the Black Lion has resulted in a male receiving a 12 month ban and a pending court case. Another male received a 6 month ban for a previous incident. Until next time, Keith

Useful contact numbers

Local Police - 101

CPO Mark Pheasant, 01325 742714

Community Liaison Officer

Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

1953 - Coronation Memories

Joan Wilson kindly gave Sedgefield Local History Society this lovely photo of Wilkinson's shop (now Evolution) all decked up for the Queen's coronation in June 1953. The three boys under the bunting are the Wright brothers, Vic, Geoff and Alan; and if you were a junior at the Rectory Row School in Coronation year, turn to the back page and you may glimpse another part of your history! Sedgefield Local History Society hopes to put a display together to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Coronation in June this year.



Notes from Durham's Police & Crime Commissioner

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg will continue to meet County Durham Councillors prior to full council meetings, providing him with an extra link into Durham communities, contributing to tackling crime at a local level. Also, having joined up with Kevan Jones MP for his surgery in January, the commissioner intends to liaise with all other MPs to set up a rolling programme. A wide range of issues were discussed, many with a policing perspective which will be followed up.

Ron Hogg has also signed up to Mencap's 'Stand by me' police promise, which calls on police services to commit to helping people with a learning disability to live free from the fear of crime.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be the guest speaker at the **Annual General Meeting of the Sedgefield Residents' Federation on Monday 18th February at 6.30pm in St. Clare's Vestry, Newton Aycliffe.** This is a 'livin' project which enables Local People and Local Communities to work together. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Christine on 01740 650475.

Sedgefield in Bloom

The Bloom team was delighted to receive a Christmas card and donation to funds from a grateful Sedgefield couple who wanted to show their appreciation for all the efforts to make the village look so lovely. In these difficult times, with government cuts biting into most areas of life, fund raising is more important than ever. As well as the multitude of gardening tasks the Bloom volunteers undertake, the team also organise regular events to raise money to buy more plants, bulbs and equipment necessary to keep Sedgefield blooming. The very successful Bloom sponsorship scheme also raises a considerable amount of further funding, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and organisations. While the town council supplies a certain amount of funding and is able to apply for grant aid for particular projects, additional funds raised by volunteer Bloomers are vital to the continuing success of Sedgefield in Bloom. The effects of council cuts to gardening in other local towns is painfully obvious. In Sedgefield, by combining council funding with additional funds raised by Bloom events and the generosity of local people, we can maintain the high standard everyone has come to expect. This month, we look forward to seeing you at two fund raising events - a coffee morning (see p.11) and ...

Country and Western Night

**Saturday 23d February
In the Parish Hall**

**Line dancing to live music
Tickets £8 (incl. pie & pea supper)
available at the council offices.
*Bring your own drink & glasses!***

All back issues of Sedgefield News from 2003 to the present are now available at **www.sedgefieldweb**

Sports UPDATE

with Sports Editor, **Chris LINES**

Winter has finally got its grip on the UK, playing havoc with weekly sporting fixtures up and down the country. It's at this time of year that football fans travelling to away fixtures at the other end of the country set off on a bit of a wing and a prayer, especially in the lower leagues. Not only can the journey itself be difficult, but at any moment the game itself might get postponed. In this age of social media, news of a postponement might travel faster and to more people than in the past, but you still need to be sure that you can rely on the source of that news of course! It can be a really frustrating experience for fans, especially given the mounting cost of following a team.

Up in the top tier, there appears to be some momentum behind a campaign to make it more affordable for away supporters to attend matches. Given the staggering £5 billion deal that the Premier League has just signed with Sky Sports, BT and the BBC, it would be nice if the powers that be (clubs *and* Premier League/FA) gave something back to the genuine fans that have backed their teams so consistently over so many years. Sadly, the fans always seem to be relatively low on the list of their priorities. TV deals and player wages continue to orbit in the stratosphere, so ticket prices and related costs stay up there too. It will stay the same until the clubs and authorities decide to work together to change the situation. It could happen, but the will needs to be there and at the moment, there appear to be too many vested interests (and too much greed) involved for much of significance to change. I hope the campaign has some effect, but I'm not optimistic.

Back in Sedgfield, there has still been plenty of sport, and all great value for money, where there's any involved! Safe to say that 2013 looks set to be just as busy here as last year, which will be quite something.

Rugby

Sedgfield District Rugby Club managed to get in an early January game before the cold weather took hold, and they will be pleased that they did. Determined to start the second half of their season in style, they tackled a home fixture against Seghill, the team directly above Sedgfield in the league. Sedgfield started in great style and opened up a good lead in the first half. Early in the second half, the home team was temporarily reduced to 12 men with two in the sin bin and one being treated for an injury. This allowed Seghill to get a foothold in the match, but once Sedgfield had a full team again, they took control and completed a good 30 – 19 victory. We were down to 12 men for 10 minutes of the second half. During that time Seghill started to get a move on and ran in a few tries. Once we were back up to full strength the home side took back control of the game with some great defence and winning all of the scrums Sedgfield were always going to be the triumphant team. Worth a mention is that Owen seems to have re-set his right boot and is back on target and it was also nice to see Ollie playing well and winning the man of the match accolade despite G B's attempts to sabotage the decision. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday then we are away to STC on Saturday. Well done to all.

Football

Last month's update included news from two of Sedgfield's Sunday league teams; this time around I have a mid season report from St. Edmund's FC. St. Edmund's is Sedgfield's leading club and plays in the premier division of the Durham District Sunday League. It was always going to be difficult to match the success of last season and this term has not been straightforward. In the league, the team has recorded three wins, four draws and four

defeats. Meanwhile, St. Edmund's bowed out of the League Cup after a 2-0 defeat at Houghton Comrades, while a 3-2 County Cup win against Herington C.W. was followed by a 1-0 defeat at home to Billingham Cons – the latter result was hard to take after so many chances were missed. There has been better news in the Heart Foundation Cup and the team has reached the quarter final stage by beating Washington J.F.C. on penalties. Team performances have been better than results suggest and St. Edmund's are confident of a strong finish to the season.

Squash

The final of Sedgfield Squash Club's individual handicap, was played on 8th January. The competition aims to level the field to give all players a chance of winning, albeit that advanced numeracy skills are required to understand the system! It is no easy task to assign handicaps to players across a wide spectrum of abilities, but with many closely fought games, the handicapping committee will consider that they had a good year. The final was contested between Peter Redshaw and 14 year old Daniel Toasn - an interesting case of coach versus one of the club's fastest improving juniors. Playing up to 15 in the best of three games, Peter started each game on -50 while Daniel started on +4. Daniel began strongly, surprising Peter by taking the game to him and playing some winners worthy of any player at the club. This resulted in him winning the first game 15 to -4. In the second

game Peter recovered, particularly in pulling together a run of almost 20 winning rallies, to bring the scores level at 14 each, after Daniel had been on match point. However, Daniel retained his composure, winning the next thrilling rally to take the game and therefore the match. For the second year in succession, this competition has been won by one of the club's up-and-coming juniors, demonstrating a healthy throughput of youngsters who are now able to compete with the adults.

Cricket

The ground might not be quite ready for a match at the moment, but after a successful season last summer, Sedgfield Cricket Club is already preparing for next summer. Indoor net sessions for senior players will start on Friday 8th February at the HQ of Durham CCC, the Emirates International Cricket Ground, in Chester-le-Street, from 8pm-10pm. All are welcome. To find out more about the club and how to get involved in cricket in Sedgfield visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgfieldcricketclub

Badminton

If outdoor sport doesn't appeal to you at this time of year, you could try an indoor alternative such as badminton. A very social group meets to play badminton on a weekly basis at Sedgfield Community College. It's a fast moving game and a great way to get active and fit. New players are always welcome – call Jeff Wragg on 622711 for more details.



Above: Harriers chair Ean Parsons briefs runners in the mist ahead of the winter handicap . Right: Sean Haycock secures first place. Photos by Alan Tait

Athletics

Winter is always a busy time for the Sedgefield Harriers. Along with numerous cross country races and ongoing training sessions, there are other events that prove to be popular every year. First in 2013 was the Old Monks Race hosted by Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers on 6th January. No less than 19 Harriers (10% of the entire field) turned out to run the five and a half mile multi-terrain route, starting and finishing in Hart Village. It was cool and dry, perfect for running, but recent wet weather made for tricky muddy sections, especially on the two major climbs. David Greatorex was first Harrier home in 35:52, coming 13th overall and claiming the first Male Vet 40 category prize. Justin Cox was next in 36:35, followed by Chris Lines in 38:45. Another 11 male Sedgefield Harriers finished the race, led by the ever-improving Dave Walker. First lady Harrier home was Gail Bell, finishing in a time of 42:24, closely followed by Abie Hearmon in 43:16 (just pipped to the post by brother Sam in an impressive sprint finish). Chris Hearmon was third Sedgefield lady in 47:47, coming second in her age category. Marie Walker and Suzanne Tait followed, with only a second separating them on the finish line.

The Old Monks proved to be a great warm up (metaphorically speaking) for the Harriers' own first big event of the year, the winter handicap race for the Gerry Kearsley Memorial Trophy, on 13th January. The race attracted a record field of 91 runners from all over the North East. Temperatures were kinder than forecast but the clear early morning had given way to foggy conditions by the time the race started. There was plenty of mud in several places on the route, but by and large the course was much better going than could have been expected.

You would have got long odds at a bookmaker for predicting the winners of the trophies, once again presented by patron and sponsor Peggy Kearsley. First home overall was talented junior Sedgefield Harrier Sean Haycock having covered the 6.5 mile trail course in 45:09 off a 9 minute handicap. Coach Scott Hydon had provided the handicaps for a bunch of Sedgefield juniors running in the senior race for the first time and the senior competition was just what Sean needed to spur him on to a great performance. It is expected that his handicap will have come down in time for the summer event! Angela Proctor of Elvet Striders was second overall with a run time of 53:46 (3 mins handicap) and Jan Naisbett of Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers was third with a run time of 57:11 (zero mins handicap).

The fastest man over the course was Will Horsley of Elvet Striders with a time of 38:02 (23 mins handicap) and the fastest lady was Gail Bell of Sedgefield Harriers in 45:33 (15 mins handicap). Having taken the overall trophy, Sean also stepped up to take the award for first Sedgefield Harrier home and fellow junior Erin Peters took the trophy for first Sedgefield Harriers lady with a time of 53:33 (5 minutes handicap).

The senior event was preceded by a junior handicap race that attracted 37 youngsters, along with BBC Look North, filming a feature on multi event specialist Aimee Barlow. In the boys' handicap, the winner was Daniel Buckle, followed by Tom Hearmon and Ciaran Lines (all Sedgefield Harriers). In the girls' race, Harrier Carla Abel won, with Harriet Rogers second and Megan Noble in third. Well done to everyone who took part in the handicaps and to all the marshals and other volunteers who made the events possible.

Racing

Sedgefield Racecourse is now offering free entry to all under 18s throughout 2013. At a time when family leisure activities are increasing in price and many venues are lowering the age limit for free entry, the racecourse is bucking the trend and helping to make a family day out at the races a more affordable option. Under the new arrangements, a family of four (two adults and two children under 18) can attend one of the meetings for as little as £26. For more information contact the racecourse on 01740 621925 or visit www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk.

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



New College Durham: Free Travel & Rewards

New College Durham has confirmed its Free Travel & Rewards loyalty package for all students studying full time at the College from September 2013. Students can get free travel to and from College on Arriva or Go North East buses from their nearest bus stop, to suit their timetables. Students will also be able to apply for financial help while studying, free sports activities, discounted gym membership as well as enjoying a wide range of onsite facilities, activities and services.

For more information go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/rewards

February Events Diary

This page is free to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Social Club

Wed 30th JANUARY: Folk Night

Singers, Musicians, Members & their guests welcome. No cover charge

Sat 2nd Feb: Maggie Newman

Sat 9th Feb: Courtney Paige

Sat 16th Feb: Joe Christie

Sat 23rd Feb: Jimmy Moon

Sat 2nd March: Alan Stevens

Cover charge of £1.50 per person

Members & guests welcome

Concert room available for functions

Call 01740-620591 for bookings

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Friday 1st February

Coffee morning, Parish Hall,

10am-12noon. (Next month, March 1st)

Sedgefield and District U3A

Friday 1st February

2pm, Parish Hall

Wayne Johnson (EDF)

"Our Energy Future: New Build & Safety of Nuclear Powerstations"

Members Free, Visitors £2

For details call Ray Manning - 629276

Cricket Club Quiz Night

Saturday 2nd February

8 pm. Quizmaster, Chris Hancock

All welcome

New Generation Church

Sedgefield Meetings

Sundays 3rd, 10th & 17th, Parish Hall

Sunday 24th at Community College

Our service starts at 11am and everyone is welcome

Farmers' Market

Sunday 3rd February from 9.30am

Eddies@4

Sunday 3rd February

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's.

Informal service for 2-6 yr olds.

Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Local History Society

Monday 4th February

7.45pm, Ceddesfeld Hall **A.G.M**

Questions, general discussions

Methodist Wives & Friends

At the Methodist Church Hall

Monday 4th February

Durham Wildlife Trust

Monday 18th February

The Island of Crete: Dr Alan Pearson

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 6th February

94th Birthday Dinner at Hardwick Hall

Country Market

Friday 8th February

Parish Hall 9.30 -11am. Tea, coffee, cakes, cards, gifts & plants

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 10th & 24th Feb at 1pm

Ceddesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

N/H/Watch Panel Meeting

Tuesday 12th February

7pm, Fletcher Room - Parish Hall

ALL Welcome

Ladies' Club

Tuesday 12th February

Pickfords: George Nairn

Tuesday 26th February: AGM

Sedgefield Village Veterans

AGM, Thursday 14th February, 7pm

Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall

Everyone welcome

Sedgefield in Bloom

Friday 15th February

Coffee morning, Parish Hall 10-11.30am

Home baking, gifts, crafts, books, raffle...

Live Music Night

7.45 pm at Sedgefield Cricket Club

Friday 15th February

Main guest : Mambo Jambo

Also featuring: John Wrightson Band,

John Weighell, John Fyffe and

Lol & Maxine Crallan

Admission £10, includes buffet.

Tel 621347

Family History Group

Monday 18th February

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

"Winterton from the outside in"

by Jack Turton. Visitors always welcome

For more info call S Hall on 620367 or

www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 19th February

7.30pm. AGM in Parish Hall

The Child Bereavement Charity

Snowdrop Walk

Sunday 24th February

12noon - 3pm in Hardwick Park

Sedgefield Branch Library

New Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday: 10am - 6pm

Friday: 1pm - 7pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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In association with Age UK;

Thursdays, 10:30am - 12:15pm

Drop in and drop out learning for the over 50s and carers.

Please book your session with the

library staff on **0300 269 521**

Craft Club: 10am-12pm

Thursdays 14th & 28th

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

Community College Bowls Club

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm. Carpet Bowls or

Short Mat. Individual coaching available. No

age limit. Contact, J. Kinghorn, 623198

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

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

Craft Club

Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm

Further details call Jean, 620656

CAB Advice Session

Advice & Information Centre

10am-1pm, Wednesday 6th February and

every 2 weeks thereafter.

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1pm

in the Methodist Church Hall

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall

(First week of month - Monday)

Beginners welcome, contact 621292

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm, Nag's Head

New members welcome.

Call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

Sporting, social and charitable events.

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members

welcome. Contact Rob on 629079

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays

9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

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

Both choirs welcome new members

on Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:

Youth Choir, 8-18yrs at 6pm; Adults at 7.30pm

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Annual General Meeting: March 5th



Thanks for the memories...

1944-5 saw a baby boom in Sedgfield, but after the war accommodation was scarce. Many young families lived in with their parents, while others squatted in old army Nissen huts near the racecourse. The council helped out by installing kitchen appliances. Plans were also drawn up for a new estate of council houses, built 1952-3, now known as the Trees estate. Doubtless, many of the children in the Rectory Row school photograph taken in Coronation year would have just moved in to those brand new homes. Many thanks to Les Butler for the loan of the photo and some wonderful memories along with it. If you recognise yourself (or others) or have any other Coronation related information or photos you'd like to share, please get in touch on 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. The Local History Society hopes to put together a display to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Coronation in June so please - dig out those memories and let's make it a good one! (*More on page 5*)

Your Letters

Two variations on a Samaritan theme ...

I would like to thank the two very kind people who helped me when I fell, shortly before Christmas.

My shopping and me restored to my blue Micra, I had to dash and do not think I gave them adequate thanks.

*Sincerely,
Audrey S. Scott*

I was walking up Wykes Close on a very icy day when a lovely little school girl stopped me. She said "Now listen, you take care", and told me where I could walk when it was very icy, then repeated "Now listen, you take care". I was so happy to hear someone so young care for a stranger. I thanked her and said "I'll take care" but forgot to ask her name. I do hope she reads this, and that she and her Mummy would call and see me. I'd like, once again, to say "Thank you". To me she is the Junior Citizen of the Year.

*Betty Amlin,
5 Wykes Close*

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