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# Sedgefield NEWS

January 2009

Citizen of  
the Year  
2008

**George  
Keith Wells**



*With his illuminated certificate after the presentation*

This year the Citizen of the Year award was made to that well-known figure, Keith Wells. The Mayor of Sedgefield, Tim Jeanes, in welcoming his guests, remembered his friend the late Jim Wayman who had persuaded Tim to join the council and so become mayor. He adopted Prostate Cancer Research as one of his charities, as well as other local charities. The Citizen of the Year Award was introduced by John Fitzpatrick from Sedgefield Development Trust and Sedgefield News, joint sponsors of the award with the Town Council and Rotary. The President of Rotary, John Robinson, said the award sprang from the Sedgefield 2000 celebrations when the Rotary agreed to sponsor it and will sponsor the award for as long as Rotary exists, together with the youth awards. The Mayor commented on the difficulty of selecting the award winner and appealed for people not to be put off if their candidate did not win but to try again the next year. He then highlighted the winner's achievements over many years including founding the Scouts and making possible the Scouts HQ, Sedgefield Charities, Town Clerk, Ceddesfeld Hall letting secretary, Twinning Association, St. Edmunds Church sidesman, Town Councillor, Sedgefield in Bloom, the Pop-in Club and finally as chief washer-up for the Community Association. Tim Jeanes then presented Keith with an illuminated certificate as well as the engraved glass trophy and a bottle of whiskey.

We wish a Happy New Year to all our readers!

# National Audit Office Report Highlights the huge Benefits Charitable Hospices Provide

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The National Audit Office report published today into End of Life Care says that only 35% of people who wish to remain at home at the end of their lives are able to. However, Butterwick Hospice enables over 70% of its patients who want to die at home to remain in their chosen place of care; more than twice the national average.

Graham Leggatt-Chidgey, Chief Executive of Butterwick Hospice Care, today welcomed the report on end of life care publicised by the National Audit Office by saying: "I welcome this report which aims to improve the services for those needing end of life care and which also demonstrates to us the huge benefit that Butterwick provides to our local community and what an efficient, cost-effective and well respected service we provide.

The report demonstrates the national disparity between the wishes of most of us to die at home (74%) with our loved ones and in familiar surroundings – and the reality that only 35% of those dying each year actually achieve what really has to be a basic human right.

One of the many services provided by Butterwick Hospice directly addresses this problem to considerable effect. The Out of Hours Service which operates from 8pm to 8am 365 days a year in the Stockton Borough cares for some 170 patients currently and approximately 300 patients each year. Our records show that in excess of 70% of all patients using the service do achieve their wish to die at home – twice the national average. The Service only costs £250,000 a year of which £175,000 is provided by Stockton Primary Care Trust, the balance being funded by the Hospice from charitable donations.

The service which provides support to patients and their families in their own homes overnight is provided by experienced qualified palliative care nurses and healthcare assistants who are employed by the Hospice. It was hailed by the University of Teesside's Evaluation in

2006 as being "a positive addition to the range of services provided to palliative care patients in the North Tees locality".

The study by the University reported the opinions of patients, carers and healthcare professionals working with Butterwick's Out of Hours Team. The case studies undertaken by the University identified that 80 admissions to hospital were averted and 3 early discharges from hospital were enabled by the work of the team to allow patients to remain in or return to their homes.

The evaluation highlighted that patients and carers were reassured overnight when they felt most vulnerable. Carers in particular felt supported and pleased that the Out of Hours staff were able to not only provide expert care for the patients but additionally help them at a time of distress and worry.

This is a good example of what can be achieved by charitable Hospices and the local NHS working in partnership and demonstrates that not only can patient care be improved but additionally expensive hospital services are not being used unnecessarily on inappropriate admissions.

Butterwick Hospice intends to work closely with the NHS and other partners to use its expertise wider in the community and in particular to provide increased levels of end of life care to patients suffering from life limiting illnesses other than cancer.

For our part we have years of expertise which we wish to benefit as many people as possible. We will work closely with the local NHS to address the National Audit Office recommendations and the Department of Health End of Life Strategy. Butterwick Hospice Care incorporates Butterwick Hospice in Stockton, Butterwick House Children's Hospice and Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland.

The charity provides pain control and symptom relief, end of life, respite, day and home care, complementary therapies, bereavement care and family support free of charge to children and adults. Butterwick serves the communities of Teesside, County Durham, North Yorkshire and Wearside.

*Sedgefield*

*New Year*

Happy New Year its two thousand and nine,  
It seems so unreal how life eats into time.

Sedgefield in Bloom through the summer days,  
To the Ceddesfeld bonfire display creating the November haze.

Christmas Panto's in the parish halls,  
Children shouting "oh no it isn't" stood up in the stalls.

New Year celebrations to start another year,  
The village pubs heaving with people enjoying a beer.

Our Sedgefield News covering all the times, good ones, bad ones, tragic and fun.  
The sports section on football and the Sedgefield Harriers for those that run.

PC Todd reporting on how many jailed,  
His work never ending as they will probably be bailed.

Caravan parks and the Sedgefield views,  
Yes it's all a talking point whilst we stand in the village queues.

Let's keep our village one of the best,  
Turn out in the New Year and socialise with the rest.

Don't get dejected with the Credit Crunch,  
Take your time out with your friends and enjoy your New Years day lunch.

Happy New Year.

## Sedgefield Development Trust Limited

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

#### **This is to give notice that Sedgefield Development Trust Limited**

will hold its Annual General Meeting on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.45 pm  
**at No 58 Front Street, Sedgefield.**

Any special or general resolutions proposed must  
be with the Company at its registered office no  
later than  
12 noon on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

All nominations for Directors must be with the  
Company Secretary by latest noon Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
February.

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

Please come along and help us 'Refresh our  
Agenda'

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## the season

ice is on ponds  
hills are cold and white  
snow shine and glitters  
ice is now going  
the sun is shining

small and **big** waves are here  
and she sell sea shell by the shore  
and a old fish  
kids make **big** castles

leaves are dropping fast  
and as you walk they go :  
crush crunch:  
as plants die in the cold

we go round and round  
the season wet  
sunny cold freezing  
burning

which season is  
your best ?  
Autumn  
summer  
spring  
winter

by Jonathan White (aged 8)

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**Nappuccino Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am -12pm – Parish Hall**

An opportunity to discover the benefits of using **REAL  
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incentive scheme.

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**Sedgefield**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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# Community SAFETY



Due to deadlines for printing this issue, we are unable to report on the December N/Hood Watch meeting; this will now be reported in February's issue. As a result we took the opportunity to let our Crime Prevention Officer *Neil Langthorne* circulate the information below to our members & the village; hopefully it will be of real benefit to all - many thanks Neil.

## HOW TO BEAT THE WINTER BURGLARS

POLICE in south Durham are urging homeowners to be vigilant in the protection of their homes throughout the winter months.

Officers across Sedgefield, Wear Valley and Teesdale are encouraging people to tighten home security as properties are now empty during the hours of darkness. Dubbed Operation Darc - short for Detect, Arrest, Reduce Crime - the initiative aims to cut the number of house break-ins and remind people to lock property securely.

Community Inspector Bill Bentham, of Spennymoor, said: "This is a very safe area to live in and we don't want to alarm people. Crime figures are at an all-time low and we want to keep them low.

"But because it gets dark before people get home from work, we want them to take some simple precautions to make their homes more secure and to deter burglars."

Crime prevention officer PC Neil Langthorne said an occupied property is generally a secure property, and residents must take steps to ensure that their home appears occupied. He said: "The message is simple. Don't give the criminal the excuse to give your home a second look. Residents must take responsibility, and keep their homes locked and illuminated."

Sedgefield Borough Crime & Disorder Partnership advises residents to use timing switches to turn on lights or a radio around the house while they are out.

And after Christmas, gift packaging, such as computer boxes, which could alert potential thieves to items inside the house, should be carefully disposed of.

Burglars are also being targeted in the seasonal offensive as teams of uniformed and plain-clothed officers will patrol burglary hot spots targeting known offenders. Police beat teams and Neighbourhood wardens will also play a part. As they patrol their beats this year, they will be leaving calling cards at homes found to be vulnerable.

In previous years the initiative has enjoyed unprecedented success and the police and partners will continue their efforts to ensure this continues.

Residents are being encouraged to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

You will note Neil's message ends with a recommendation to join N/H/ Watch. You can do this simply by contacting C/man Ken Saiger direct (621896) or pop in to one of our six meetings during the year & have a chat (next meeting 3rd Feb.).

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

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

**Local Police:** Telephone **0345 60 60 365** (*keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.*)

**For advice/assistance, CPO Neil Langthorne, 01325 742714**  
**Community Liaison Officer - Mel Elliot, Telephone 01325 742755**

## Sedgefield Farmers' Market Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2008

Santa looked very smart today, preparing for his big day by dropping in to the Farmers' Market. He enjoyed a lovely warming glass of mulled wine, in fact so did customers and stallholders! The town councilors who provided this treat also brought the best mince pies ever, warming and so welcome on a very cold day. We are all very grateful to the Town Council for their time and efforts in providing these winter warmers.

Customers also warmed to the usual wide variety of Farmers' Market stalls enjoying the highest quality home-made or farm reared products. All the elements for a traditional Christmas dinner were to be found at Sedgefield today, with the special flavour of local produce to enhance a special meal. The busy market was also a temporary base for the Sedgefield Harriers' run and the county recycling information unit. We all look forward to the next market on the village green, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Hope to see you there!

## PC Todd reports

Another stolen car and another disappointed resident. During the cold spells please don't leave your car engine running whilst you collect your works gear from the house.

There is always someone waiting and watching and all too willing to take the opportunity to drive away your vehicle that you were kind enough to warm up for them!

Other crimes reported to the Police recently include cars suffering from scratched paintwork in Hornby Avenue, St Edmunds Terrace and High Street, cars and vans having parts removed in Station Road (bumper and headlamps), Beaumont Court (head lamp) and also in Beaumont Court (number plates stolen). A bird bath was taken from Beech Oval and a window broken in Ceddesfeld by youths throwing ice.

## Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at the Golden Lion pub. Licensees were informed that a Police investigation was still being carried out regarding the disturbance outside the Golden Lion pub on 7th November.

Sgt. O'Connor raised concerns about the increase in the number of persons under 18 years who have been caught drinking in their premises. The police will continue to carry out spot checks on premises to identify under age drinkers.

Until next time,  
Keith

## Cooks' Corner

### Treacle Toffee

10oz Sugar  
2 tbls Water  
2 tbls Black Treacle  
2oz Butter  
1 dessertspoon Vinegar

Place all ingredients in a saucepan. Boil steadily for about 12 minutes, or until a small amount dropped in cold water forms a firm ball. Pour into a shallow greased tin, about 8 inches square. When it begins to set, mark into squares with a knife which has been dipped in oil.

# Golden Wedding Celebration Jottings



*Val and Richie Pickering celebrating their Golden Wedding on the 15th November. With the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs Tim Jeanes. The Pickerings were married at Distington Church in Cumbria and are members of the carpet bowls group at Ceddesfeld Hall.*

## Sedgefield Village Residents' Forum

It is anticipated that the SBC Planning Committee Meeting to decide on the application for a Caravan Holiday Park at Brakes Farm, Sedgefield will be February. As there is no meeting of the Residents' Forum in January, do keep a watchful eye on the notice board outside the library for any information that may be forthcoming.

Just a reminder about boxes for gathering community views for policing priorities which have been set up in the library and in the Town Council Office.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 at 7.00p.m. in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall**



*Over 200 people attended the Sedgefield Snow Party*

## Sedgefield Snow Party

Sedgefield Town Council held its Snow Party on Saturday 29 November. The event, now in its second year, was a resounding success.

Well over 250 people attended. The parade was a triumph to celebrate, following several weeks input from local primary/junior school children who had enjoyed art workshops building snowmen, an after school activity organised by Sedgefield Town Council and funded by Sedgefield Borough **Koolkash**.

St Edmunds welcomed visitors into their carol service as Ferryhill Town Band played.

The Town Council extends its thanks to Round Table, Harriers, Scouts and many more who supported the event, in particular the Town Councillors who gave their time voluntarily to promote and ensure the success of the evening. An annual event now in The Sedgefield Town social calendar, not to be missed next year!



*Snowman leaving Church!*

# SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

Well, it's been a fascinating sporting year, internationally, nationally, in the North East and here in Sedgefield. Around 12 months ago, I used some of the sports update to rant about SP07 (Sports Personality of the Year 2007) on BBC1. My wistful longing for the traditional (and not celebrity obsessed) Sports Review of the Year clearly didn't echo along the corridors of the Beeb - by the time you read this SP08 will have been and gone.

If there's any justice, British cyclists (pedal power rather than brake horse power) will have dominated the event following their astounding performances at the Beijing Olympics and the subsequent World Championships. And perhaps this time around, Durham County Cricket Club might have also received some recognition for winning the County Championship. As I type, the show hasn't been broadcast. We will see.

## Selective Highlights of 2008

Looking back at 2008, for me the Olympics and Paralympics stand out as the clear highlights. Team GB finished fourth in the medal table in the former (four years ahead of schedule) and second in the latter. The spectacle was magnificent and the sport fantastic - London 2012 has a lot to live up to. I think it was an Australian news report that noted how well the Brits did in events in which there existed the facility to sit down, namely cycling, rowing and sailing. It gives me a warm feeling to learn that the Aussies have been a little 'riled'.

Euro 2008 was characterised by a distinct lack of British representation and was possibly easier to enjoy as a result (for me at least). Of course, two English clubs did contest the Champions League final, which Manchester United did just about manage to win. And England are so far getting the right results in the World Cup qualifiers.

In golf, the USA deservedly won the Ryder Cup, while Pádraig Harrington won two of the four majors, including the Open Championship for the second year in a row. Britain is still waiting for its first Grand Slam tennis champion (men's singles) in about 80 years, but Andy Murray did get to the final of the US Open and seems to be the real deal. It was all change on the captaincy front in the England cricket team - South African Kevin Pieterse is now in charge. The Rugby League World Cup and Rugby Union autumn internationals were a real let down (if you're English that is), with the southern hemisphere dominant. Oh, and Lewis Hamilton won the Formula 1 world championship.

Closer to home, the region's football clubs delivered their usual mix of off the field mayhem and on the field underachievement. Newcastle Falcons lost a couple of their England internationals, a manager and Johnny Wilkinson to injury, and are now struggling at the base of rugby union's Premiership. The North East's rugby league, ice hockey, basketball and netball teams all made steady progress, and of course the region was represented in a number of sports in Beijing.

I've already mentioned Durham County Cricket Club, but will do so again. The team was in contention in every domestic competition, but at one point it did look like they would just miss out on everything. But then they delivered the LV County Championship on the last day of the last game of the season. This was an outstanding achievement for the youngest first class county and coach Geoff Cook deserves huge credit for building on the work of his predecessor and delivering the goods. That's two trophies in two years now - it's going to be interesting to see if Durham can top that.

As I did a year ago, I will use the next issue to review Sedgefield's own sporting highlights in 2008, but I will cover one point now. It has been great to witness the growing number of young people from our area who are taking up various sports and already achieving much. Four of our young stars were recently shortlisted for Sedgefield youth sportsperson of the year - Jeff Saunders, Joshua Hodgson, Sebastian Reichal and Ryan Towler. After much consideration, the four judges decided that the award should go to Ryan Towler, of Sedgefield Youth FC, who is a regular contributor to the sports update. The prize was presented by John Robinson, Sedgefield Town Council and the Rotary Club.

Ryan comments:

"Thank you to all - I was very surprised and delighted. Now to Sedgefield Youth's results. There has only been one game since the last newsletter and we were at home to 21<sup>st</sup> Allstars. The pitch was covered in snow, but that didn't matter in the first half as three fantastic strikes by Jamie Herd gave us the lead, but during the second half our defenders ran out of steam and the Allstars made some effective substitutions, scoring five goals. Jamie then scored one more to make the final score 4-5 to them. Our first match in 2009 will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> and we should get a couple of training sessions in before then."

I really like that response by Ryan - a quick, gracious acknowledgement of the accolade and then on with the proper business of sports reporting again! Thanks to Ryan and everyone else who has contributed to the sports updates during 2008. Looking forward to 2009, I am sure that we will be enjoying another bonanza year of sport. Glancing at the calendar, it is the next Ashes cricket test series that stands out the most. If the quality and excitement can reach anything close to the levels delivered in 2005, then we can anticipate a magnificent summer. I can barely wait.

That's all for this month - more on 2008 in Sedgefield next time. As ever, if you have any sports stories (or suggestions for the review of the year) please send them to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).

# Sedgefield Harriers Seniors Review of 2008

In 2008 the Harriers completed their third year since they were formed and once again it was an eventful year with runners entering a large number of events on road, trail, fell and cross country over distances from 5k to Marathon. Events such as the Loftus, Signals Relays, North Tyneside 10k, the Pier to Pier and the Gibside have become regulars as well as the North York Moor Fell series. Teams competed in the North Eastern Cross Country Championships in Hartlepool in Dec 2007 where the senior men's team finished 14<sup>th</sup> before going on to compete in the Northern Championships in Roundhay Park, Leeds. As a Club the Harriers added two new events to their own calendar of organized runs; on St Georges Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April they staged the inaugural running of the Neptune Relays in Hardwick Park with over 50 runners taking part including teams from other local clubs. The weather was warm and sunny and there was a great atmosphere about the event which will be repeated on 22<sup>nd</sup> April in 2009. On 7<sup>th</sup> December the Harriers were delighted to help with the staging of Run Santa Run on behalf of Mayor John Robinson's charity, Butterwick Hospice. Over 250 runners took part and despite a last minute change of course due to icy conditions the event was a major success and will be repeated on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009. In August there was the running of the second annual Sedgefield Serpentine Trail Race, the Harriers 'official' UK Athletics registered race. The race attracts runners from across the North and is sure to be a big hit again in 2009. Congratulations go to Matthew Jones for the success of this race which only happens as a result of his hard work. Individually there were some noteworthy achievements. Gail Bell experienced winners spot for the first time finishing first lady at the North York Moors Eskdale Eureka fell race over a 10.1 mile/1610ft course. She was third lady overall in the NYM winter series. Clair Budd added the Edinburgh Marathon to her list of achievements finishing in 6hrs and 6mins, 20mins faster than she expected. Gary Hetherington displayed top form for the club finishing in the top 10 of many local races, often taking first place or a place in the veterans categories. Gary's Wednesday

training sessions for competing runners have seen the fitness levels of many of the clubs runners show steady improvement. Matthew Jones and Gail Bell competed in the Windermere and Leicester Marathons whilst Rosie Sims completed her third London in succession as well as the Edinburgh Marathon. Although Scott Hydon will give a rundown of the achievements of the juniors I can't help but make some comment as the juniors today are the seniors of tomorrow. The junior section of the Harriers is the most exciting part of the club. Over 60 juniors attend regular athletic coaching sessions. We are in the very fortunate position of having three level 2 UK Athletics qualified coaches supported by level 1 coaches and volunteer students. This is an invaluable resource and puts the Harriers ahead of many more well established and 'big town' clubs. The results are beginning to come through and there is no doubt that when the present crop of young athletes progress to senior level the achievements of

the current seniors will be eclipsed. It may be only a matter of time before we see a national vest on a runner coached at Sedgefield Harriers. The coaching resource enables the juniors to be split into three groups depending on age and athletic development and so provide coaching specific to the needs of the young athletes. It is a potent situation and the coaches have that sense that something special is going on. For any young person wanting to a part of athletics this is something not to be missed. The club recently took delivery of £1000 worth of athletics equipment to help the young athletes develop their skills. This includes javelin, shot, discus, triple jump, sprints and hurdles. This relatively small but significant cache of equipment will enable the coaches to deliver opportunities of trying and developing skills in all athletics disciplines, something which has been going on for a while but can now take a big step forward.

*Ean Parsons*

## Running Santas brave the cold for the Mayor's charity



*There were plenty of Santa Clauses running after their reindeers a few Sundays ago at the Santa Fun Run in Hardwick Park in aid of the Mayor, John Robinson's, nominated charity. Photo courtesy of Ian Hunter*

Over 250 runners took part in the fun run in aid of the Mayor of Sedgefield Borough's Charity, The Butterwick Hospice. There were runners of all ages taking part on Sunday 7th December. The weather

was cold but clear for the 2.6 mile run through Sedgefield's Hardwick Country Park. The run was jointly organised jointly by the Mayor of Sedgefield Borough and Sedgefield Harriers.

# January Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

**Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall**  
**Saturday 3rd January**  
 Eyes down 7.45pm

**Sedgefield Mags**  
**Monday 5th January**  
 8pm in the Nag's Head  
*'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all Newcastle United home games*

**Local History Society**  
 7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall  
**Monday 5th January**  
 Lesley Bentham speaking on  
 "Yes, we have National Costumes!"  
*All welcome*

**Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends**  
**Monday 5th January 7.15pm**  
 Carrier bag sale (auction)  
 & Monday 19th January  
 Carers' Trust  
*New members always welcome*

**Sedgefield Gardening Club**  
**Tuesday January 6th**  
 Pests and Diseases - a talk by  
 Dianne Nichol-Brown  
 7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall

**CeddesFolk Acoustic Session**  
 Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm  
**Wednesday 7th January**  
 Join our line up of fiddles, whistles,  
 squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

**Sedgefield WI**  
**Wednesday 7th January**  
 7.15pm in the Parish Hall  
 'Travels in Peru'  
 David Raeburn  
 Members' competition 'A colourful  
 knitted hat'.  
*Visitors always welcome - £2*

**Sedgefield Civic Trust**  
**Thursday 8th January**  
 7pm at 28 Whitehouse Drive  
*All welcome*

**Cricket Club Quiz Night**  
**Saturday 10th January**  
**Starts 8pm**

**Farmers' Market**  
**Sunday 11th January**  
 on the Village Green

**Sedgefield Show**  
**Thursday 15th January**  
 in the Nag's Head at 8pm  
*Everyone welcome*

**Cricket Club Live Music Night**  
**8pm, Saturday 17th January**  
 Main guest: Jez Lowe  
 Also featuring: Jen Stephens, Bertie Draycott, Katie Coleman and John Wrightson Band  
 Admission £9 with including buffet.  
 Tel: 621347  
*NB. The Cricket Club is available for hire for private parties, christenings, etc. Call Jane on 629616*

**Family History Group**  
 (branch of Cleveland FHS)  
**Monday 19th January**  
 History of Town Kelloe  
 Gordon Staff  
 For more information ring: 620367  
 Visitors always welcome.

**Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**  
**Tuesday 20th January**  
 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
 Annual General Meeting  
*All welcome*

**Sedgefield Wildlife Group**  
**Thursday 29th January**  
 7.45pm in the Parish Hall  
 Barn Owl Ecology by Ian Armstrong  
 more info from Steve Ashton on  
 620559  
*All welcome*

## 101 Gigs in January

08 - The Swan, Billingham  
 09 - Cleveland Hotel, Redcar  
 10 - The Kingfisher, Spennymoor  
 11 - Normanby Hotel, Normanby  
 17 - Princess Alice, Middlesbrough  
 24 - Wedding, Gisborough Hall  
 25 - The Star (4pm), Newcastle  
 28 - The Quaker, Darlington  
 30 - Duke of Cumberland, Gateshead  
 31 - Penny Black, Hartburn

**Round Table**  
**1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays**  
 Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome  
**Contact Rob on 629079**

**Ladies' Circle**  
**2nd & 4th Thursdays**  
 Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome  
**Contact Viv on 629079**

## Coming up in February

**Sedgefield Residents Forum**  
**Monday 2nd February**  
 Fletcher Room, Parish Hall at 7pm.

**Neighbourhood Watch**  
 Panel Meeting  
**Tuesday 3rd February**  
 7 pm Fletcher Room, Parish Hall  
*ALL Welcome*

**Sedgefield Gardening Club**  
**Tuesday February 3rd**  
 AGM and Pie & Peas supper.  
 7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall

**St. Edmunds Church Lighting Fund Luncheon**  
 To be held on  
**Sunday 22nd February 2009**  
 12 for 12:30pm  
 In Parish Hall, Sedgefield  
 Tickets £12 incl. glass of wine  
 Ring 622894/629441

**Country Market**  
 Friday mornings in the Parish Hall  
 Returns Wednesday 4th February

## January @ the Library

**Tickle Time**  
 Songs and rhymes for babies,  
 Mon. 5th & 19th, 2.15-3pm

**Rhyme Time**  
 Songs and rhymes for toddlers,  
 Wed. 7th & 21st, 10-11am

**Junior Reading Group**  
 Restarts Mon 12th

**Book Circle**  
 Wednesday 21st, 2pm

# Your Letters

# A frosty day at Hardwick

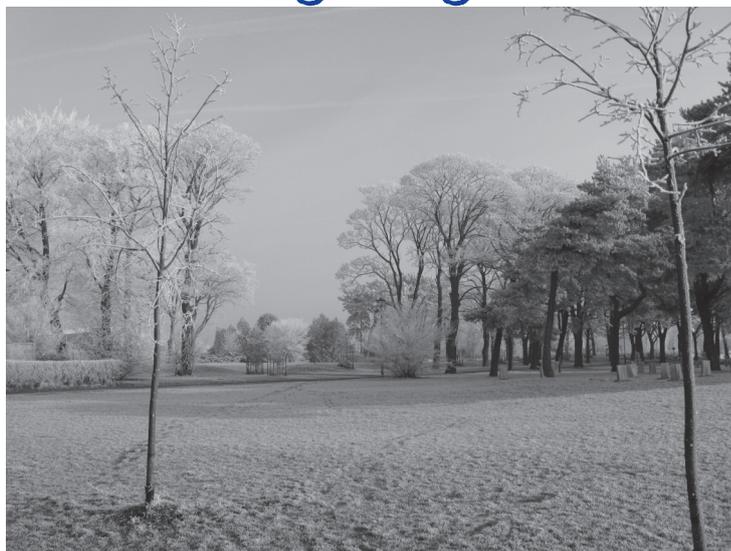
## Coffee Morning in Aid of Tommy's, the Baby Charity

On November 29th, as a means to commemorate the Second Anniversary of our born silently babies, Thea and Fabian, we organised a Coffee Morning in aid of Tommy's, the Baby Charity. We raised £228 on the day.

We would like to thank the Methodist Church for allowing us to use their premises. A big thanks to the Library Staff and to St. John Fisher for their support.

Special thanks to the Hudson's, the Larke's, the Tate's and the Wallace's for their hard work, to our cake donators, to the shops in Sedgefield that agreed to display our posters, to the friends that couldn't make it but gave contributions, and, to all people who despite the bitter cold, their busy lives and the credit crunch called in for cakes and gifts on the day.

*With gratitude and best wishes for a Happy New Year, Chaparro-Falco Family and Lewis-Woodhead Family*



*With thanks to Joan Scott for the pictures*

## Thanks from Sedgefield Community Hospital

Sedgefield Community Hospital would like to thank everyone for supporting the Christmas Fayre which was held at the Hospital on Saturday 6th December 2008.

Many thanks to everyone who donated Tombola and Raffle prizes. To Barbara Robinson for the Christmas Cake. Ladies who manned the stalls. Colin Hodgson for being Santa.

Also, everyone who braved the weather to come and make the day a success. We raised the magnificent sum of £1335.

*Thanking you.*

*Julie Heathcote*



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