

Sedgefield News

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By the villagers for the villagers of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon
July 2005



Sedgefield remembers VE day

Teesside Life History
Re-enactment Society
revived vivid memories



The 60th anniversary of VE day was commemorated in Sedgefield with a Civic Service and a rededication of the War Memorial. Mr Wilf and Mrs Jeanette Garbutt, pictured with Mayoress Cllr. Maxine Robinson, unveiled a new plaque. Now, with the names of the local men who served in the forces and died for their country clearly visible again, they can be paid the respect they deserve.

An exhibition of wartime memorabilia at Ceddesfeld Hall stirred many wartime memories for local people, and there was fun in the marquee at a children's Fun Day, and the VE day tea party and Ball.

report, page 2. More nostalgia on page 7 at the Tyne Tees Run



Above, as they were -
British and German uniforms
Left; scouts and cubs play their
part - on parade for the
VE day service
Far left: last minute preparations
More photos on
www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk



Sedgefield Post Office move likely

The General Post Office held consultations up to the 20th June on the proposed move of Sedgefield Post Office into the **Front Street** premises previously occupied by Sedgefield Pharmacy.

Scheduled to happen during August, the move to the village centre should make the facilities of the Post Office more easily accessible, with a little more parking nearby for those who cannot make the journey on foot. There will be a hearing loop in the Post Office for customers with hearing difficulties.

The same range of services will be available, with customers able to collect pensions, benefits and tax credits in cash. Opening times remain the same.

Confirmation of the move is awaited as we go to print.

Sedgefield Learning Borough

If you want to brush up on your **Maths and English** or achieve a level 2 qualification, then the 'move on' course is for you! After a successful start, we hope to resume the FREE course in the Zone at 58 Front Street after the summer break. More details next month.

Our **OCN Basic Computer** course is intended for newcomers to computing and will provide a general introduction to the 3 most common applications - word processing, spreadsheets and databases. Cost £30

The **City and Guilds Introduction to the Internet** course covers connecting to the internet, locating information using a search engine and using basic email via the internet. Cost £24.50

If you're claiming a means tested benefit (income support, job seekers allowance, housing benefit, etc.) the course will be free and if you're over 60 years, half price.

If you can't fit in a full course, try our **FREE 5 week beginner courses**

IT for the Terrified – for complete beginners to computing

Introduction to Digital Photography

Introduction to Counselling

Introduction to designing a Web Page

If you're interested in any of these courses, or would like to find out about other courses in the area, get help writing or updating your CV, or speak to a Careers Adviser, call **657493** or **07919 394 576**

There's a Drop in Session in the Zone on July 14th from 9.30-12 noon
For other enquiries call one of the above numbers

Yoga update

Thanks to everyone who's contacted us about starting a Yoga Class in Sedgefield - so far we have about 11 names on our list. However, as our ansa-phone was inundated with enquiries, it's been difficult to decipher some of the messages, so if we haven't yet contacted you, we would be most grateful if you could contact us again on **657493** to let us know which days and times would be most suitable for you. We're hoping to get a class set up to run over the summer months.

Rachel Guthrie will be starting a **FREESTYLE FITNESS YOGA** class on Thursday 14th July from 6.30 - 7.30pm at

Sedgefield Community College.
Please note that places are limited so please contact Rana Coates (Sedgefield Community College) on 623585 to confirm your place.

VE Day celebrations at Ceddesfeld



60 years of peace in Western Europe were celebrated enthusiastically in Sedgefield with a fancy dress fun day for children with face painting and games, a tea party for those with wartime memories and a formal evening ball.

The marquee behind Ceddesfeld Hall was brightly decorated in red, white & blue and all the events were greatly enjoyed.

At the tea party three ladies and a male comedian did a wonderful job of entertaining the crowd, and two

couples arrived in forties style dress and jived energetically to Glen Miller music!

Later on, Union flags were waved by all when 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'There'll Always be an England' were played.

Everyone was definitely 'In the Mood' at the ball, where the music from Musicians Unlimited was just perfect for dancing. Guests were togged out in their best, with men in evening dress and ladies in their finery. Others came dressed in forties uniforms! Very evocative.

Below - lady 'Reenacter' in civvies



The people of Bradbury recently decided to make the initial moves towards entering the Northumbria in Bloom Competition next year, and anyone passing through the village may have seen the general tidying up which has taken place.

Part of the agreed programme of work was to tidy up the A1(M) roundabout, even though it is not within the village boundary, as it was thought that this would help to create a better impression when approaching from the West or off the motorway.

Without taking any risks, simply walking on the pavements round the outside of the roundabout, an amazing collection of rubbish was collected.

There were 200+ plastic tie wraps, 8 pieces of hardboard (about A4 size) and 3 statutory notices from the Highways Agency varying in age from March 2003 to February 2004. Obviously the tie wraps had been

Whose fault is it anyway?



used to fix fly notices to the various signs around the roundabout - the latest gigs for unknown bands, the next jumble sale or car boot sale - we have all seen them.

The notices of course eventually rot away, leaving the plastic ties which then drop to the bottom of the posts. The hardboard panels were from a more determined type of advertiser who replaces the adverts from time to time, though when collected they were all blank.

The statutory notices were probably

the greatest shock for a variety of reasons. Why were they left for up to two years after the events to which they referred? Why had the Highways Agency not arranged for their removal? The latest notice was on a post some 2 metres behind a fence at the top of the 'on' slip road to the Southbound A1(M). How on earth was anyone expected to have ever read it?

To my original question - 'Whose fault is it anyway?' Is it the illegal advertisers? Of course it is. Is it the Highways Agency? Of course it is. They should have a policy to remove their notices as soon as they are expired. Is it Durham County Council? Of course it is. It would appear that no litter collection has ever taken place around the roundabout. Do they ever remove illegal notices? Not from the evidence at Junction 60; interesting that there is a Highways Maintenance Depot only a few hundred metres from the roundabout! It must be stated very clearly that at no time did anyone go onto the centre of the roundabout to attempt to collect the old pallet and the 'Reg Keys' notices or any of the other rubbish. No doubt that will require the posting of another statutory notice by the Highways Agency to allow a road closure! *John Burrows*

Memories will be stirred after twin town visit

Dr Joyce Jordan, Chairman of Sedgefield Twinning Association, turned detective in preparation for the latest visit of our friends from Hamminkeln by researching the German prisoner of war camps of Co Durham and Northumberland. Her task was to discover the location of a POW camp where Herr Werner Schlierf, the father of Burgermeister Herr Holger Schlierf, was held during the war, and her only clue was his own drawing of a castle close by. After much dedicated research Dr Jordan and her team of helpers were able to identify Featherstone Castle in Northumberland as the site in question and the Burgermeister was able to make an emotional visit to the area, thanks to the hospitality of Mr John Clark, the current owner. According to Dr Jordan, Herr Schlierf "was very moved and took many photos to show his father." The twinning visit was a great success and ended in a farewell dinner at Ceddesfeld Hall, attended by guests including Councillor Maxine Robinson, Mayor of Sedgefield, and Professor Hellen of Newcastle University, a specialist on

POW camps in the UK.

Gifts presented to the representatives of Hamminkeln included a porcelain figurine entitled 'Unity' by the Twinning Association, a dark green silk runner by the Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, and a plaque depicting the Sedgefield Borough Coat of Arms. John Tomlinson and Mirjam Buhler-Willey of Sedgefield Community College took the opportunity to meet Hamminkeln teachers and youngsters in the hope of encouraging greater links between the young people of both communities.

The guests were able to spend time at a number of places of interest including Raby Castle, Bamburgh, Seahouses and Harperley POW camp. A trip to the Lake District was blessed with particularly fine weather, while all first time visitors were treated to a tour of the village. Herr Schlierf and others were also welcomed to Durham City by the Mayor, Mr John Lightley and his Mayoress, a ceremonial exchange of gifts taking place at the town hall before the visitors were given a guided tour of the beautiful cathedral.

Mordon and Bradbury BBQ

The residents of our outlying villages have been having some fun too, at the Barbecue held on Mordon Village Green on Saturday June 4th. The catering was done by the Ladies of the Committee, and a very pleasant meal with an outstanding selection of salads was enjoyed by over 40 people. The Quoits competition, ably organised by Robert Elders, assisted by his son David, was won by Ken Wright. The runner up was Terry Lawson. The Ladies' Section was won by Moira Elders, runner up, Mary Peacock. A table tennis competition held in the hall was organised by Eric Whitehouse, and won by Paul Tinkler. Thanks to all concerned for making the evening such a success.

Community Safety & Health

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crimewatch Panel

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th June 2005

Bereavements to John Ewbank & John Fawcett and their families

C/man Ken Saiger asked members to take a few moments to remember Sheila Ewbank & John Fawcett's daughter Susan; adding that our thoughts and prayers go especially to Sheila's husband John & family also to John Fawcett & family at this very sad time. Ken reminded us of the major contribution Sheila made to our Neighbourhood Watch group and to her local area in particular, always willing, always there, smiling all the time, Sheila will be sadly missed by all of us. No longer with us, but Sheila's presence and legacy of selfless help will live on in our memories.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 12/04/2005 were approved after date correction 2004 replaced by 2005.

2. Matters Arising: 5.1 Citizenship Schemes: C/man gave members an update on Scouts & Guides proposals.

3a) Treasurer's Report: Details of Bank accounts were read out.

3b) Secretary's Report: Correspondence had been: Received from - Town Council, CAVOS, Durham Police, Sarah Norman, Sedgefield Development Partnership (SDP) & Durham Foundation. Issued to - Durham Police & SDP.

4. Representative Reports:

4a) Village Constable: Keith provided copies of the Crime Report for period (18th April - 14th June) - 2005. There were 26 crimes recorded, consisting of 4 Thefts (1 handbag, 1 vehicle), 21 Damage (3 to Property & 18 to Cars) & 1 leaving without paying. Keith gave details of these and of arrests made.

4b) Crime Prevention Officer: Neil displayed a small domestic safe, which can be purchased at a very reduced price of £20; if anyone is interested contact Neil (numbers are limited) and he is willing to give advice regarding fitting also.

4c) Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Sarah Norman gave a reminder regarding property marking and garden items in particular.

4d) Community Force: Tim Spearey tendered his apologies but made available copies of his Community Warden Report for period 9/2/05 - 4/6/05, this was much appreciated by members.

5 AOB: C/man expressed concern that the Executive was now getting low on numbers; three members present volunteered their services.

Raffle Held after the meeting raised £15.00

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th August 2005 at 7 pm in Parish Hall.

Following the meeting Neil Langthorne gave a 30-minute presentation detailing **A Typical Day (24hrs of Duty) of Policing within Sedgefield Borough**. Members found this most interesting and enlightening and gave Neil a resounding round of thanks. The C/man in thanking Neil commended him for his very professional presentation as well as the stimulating content.

New Farmer's Market Co-ordinator

Joanne Martin has been appointed Co-ordinator for Sedgefield Farmers Market. Joanne has sold cakes at the market since July of last year and is keen to see the market grow from strength to strength. The success of the Farmer's Market is due to the local support from residents. Those who regularly attend will tell you that you can't beat buying fresh, homegrown and homemade goods direct from those who produce it. There is a wide selection including free range eggs, local beef, lamb, pork, chicken, duck, local cheese, fresh fish, vegetables, preserves, tea-breads, puddings, cakes and plants.

The next Farmer's Market is on Sunday 10th July from 9.30am - 1.30pm and it's well worth a look!

Any questions, please contact Joanne on 0774 3337960.

PC Todd reports

Last month I reported on mindless vandalism caused on a Friday night to cars parked on West End.

Unfortunately on subsequent Fridays more vehicles suffered the same damage to their wing mirrors.

However, we were able to target this area and after a resident gave vital information, we arrested 3 drunken males nearby.

Pub Watch; After a recent meeting a male and a female were banned for one year each for using drugs in the male toilets. 3 other females who went into the male toilets looking for drugs were given caution letters. Please be warned - drugs will not be tolerated in any pub or club in Sedgefield.

Lost property; I have been handed two items found in the village; a gold necklace and a small plastic bag containing a quantity of jewellery. I would like their rightful owners to have them back, so please call me if you have lost them.

Until next time,

Keith

Tim's Tips

Firstly I must point out that I DO NOT have the authority to issue Fixed Penalties to motorists parked on yellow lines. The Police and your Community Support Officer are the only people who have that authority.

Last month, a red, 9 or 10yr old bike went missing. It has Emelle signs on each side, black tyres and a rip in the seat. I would like to recover it, so if you can help, please contact me on 623654 or the Police on 0845 60 60 365. Your 'reward' will be to put a smile back on a young man's face when he sees his bike again.

Remember, if you would like to help keep the village safe & secure, the way you want it to be, you could join the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Come to our two-monthly meeting - time & date on diary page) or ring me on 623654 or Sarah Norman on 0845 60 60 365.

Sedgefield sets out action to achieve better health

The second Public Health Annual Report has been published, and it aims to give an overall picture of the health of the population in Sedgefield Borough and identify areas for local action to improve health and services.

Alyson Learmonth, Director of Public Health for Sedgefield, said: "People who live in the Sedgefield Borough area are more likely to suffer from health disease and have shorter lives than people who live in, for example, Durham City, Alnwick or York. This is quite a powerful statement. The death rate (allowing for age and sex differences) is higher than even our immediate neighbours. This year I have included information, views and ideas from local people that came out of a series of workshops held in each local area. It became clear that although many local people do know about the risks and causes of heart disease, one of our major killers, and will make life changes to reduce their risk, others are unmoved by the evidence and feel that it is an inevitable part of their lives. What we hope to do is challenge this thinking."

"...other lifestyle issues are of a concern, such as sexual health and alcohol. I have included a section on alcohol, in particular binge drinking and the effect drinking has on our lifestyles and community. There is also a special section on the needs of children at risk; also an area for action during the coming year. If we are to improve the health of people in Sedgefield, we need to raise their expectations. Children and young families especially should live in an environment where good health is aimed for and expected. We also need to listen to and work with people facing the most difficult circumstances in their daily lives. "It is up to all of us to challenge the inevitability of poor health, demand a better quality of life and help to shape the social, environmental and physical environment that we live in."

Copies of the full Public Health report are available from Sedgefield PCT on 0191 3013820 or on the PCT website: www.sedgefield-pct.nhs.uk

Treat yourself to a *Therapy*

If you're in need of pampering by the end of the week why not come to the Pioneering Care Centre for a therapy. On Friday mornings a qualified Therapist offers Reflexology, Reiki and Indian Head Massage at the Centre. The 9 am appointment is ideal for busy workers or parents who have just dropped children off at school.

Indian Head Massage is a relaxing, refreshing and reviving massage. The massage helps to stimulate your senses and leaves you feeling rejuvenated.

Reiki heals by concentration of touch around the body, without the need to undress. Reiki promotes both physical and emotional well-being.

Reflexology diagnoses imbalances in the system by tender areas found on the feet. Treatment then works to correct the imbalances.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Prices are very reasonable and concessionary rates available.

To book an appointment, or for more information, please call **01325 327444**

*A few of
Ian Hunter's
photos of the Annual
Tyne Tees Run as
it came through
Sedgefield
on a fine Sunday
morning in June*



*They
just don't
make 'em
like
THIS
any more!*



It's been a fairly quiet month on the sports front. The cricket season is of course in full swing, but you will have to wait until August for the next report. By then, we will also know whether the London 2012 Olympics bid has been successful. At the time of writing this, Paris was still the bookies' favourite, but everyone seems to agree that the race is genuinely close.

Decision day is July 6th. There are those who are sceptical, both about London's chances and about the wisdom of trying to bring the biggest and most prestigious sporting event in the world to these shores. Questions have also been asked about how the Games being held in London could really benefit North East England.

That is a fair challenge and there are numerous responses, revolving around topics such as training camps, Games venues, construction contracts and spin off tourism by visitors to the Olympics. However, as far as I'm concerned, if the London bid succeeds, it's the simple potential to then get youngsters (from all over the country) enthused about participating in sport that is really exciting and important. If London gets the nod on July 6th, this country has a massive opportunity to

use the lead up to the Games as a springboard for encouraging and improving participation levels in all sorts of sports. For the long term health of the nation, that has to be a good thing.

Sedgefield Community College

Talking about the younger generation and sport, Sedgefield Community College has a fantastic and varied sports programme. At a competitive level, the college fields loads of teams in many sports:

- 3 boys athletics
- 3 girls athletics
- 6 boys cross country
- 6 girls cross country
- 1 boys badminton
- 1 girls badminton
- 5 boys football
- 3 girls football
- 1 boys hockey
- 1 girls hockey
- 5 girls netball
- 4 boys tennis
- 4 girls tennis
- 1 boys rugby
- 1 boys cycling
- 1 girls sports aerobics
- 1 girls dance
- 2 boys golf
- 1 girls gymnastics
- 1 aquathlon (I will find out exactly what this for a future issue)
- Several dance groups.

In addition, the college also supports many individuals who participate out of school in other sports such as trampolining, motor racing and martial arts. Further team and individual targets for next year are squash and boxing competitions. The college also runs a number of initiatives to encourage participation in sport. One of these is the Girls In Sport Week, an opportunity for all girls to participate in a wide variety of sports and physical activity during one specific week. Now in its third year, Girls In Sport Week took place in early June and if previous years are anything to go by, it will have been very successful. Sports participation rates by girls at the college have been showing a huge increase thanks to this and other initiatives. I'm hoping to have more news of how this year's week went for the next report.

Sedgefield Cross Hills Hotel Football Club

The Cross Hills has a new team for next season. Combining players that previously ran out under the Golden Lion banner with some of those from the Cross Hills, the team will compete in the Trimdon and District Sunday morning football league. Pre-season training starts on Sunday 3rd July at 10.30a.m on the football fields at Sedgefield Community College. The new season kicks off in mid August. If you are aged 16 and over you are welcome to come along.

For additional information please contact either David Ryder, Ian Green or Darren Gouldburn (landlord of the Cross Hills) – drop in to the bar or send an e-mail to me and I will pass it on. There is also a notice board in the pub that will hold all of the latest football information. That's your lot for this month. If you have any sports news or would like me to investigate activities that I have not yet covered in Sedgefield News, drop me a line at chrisjlines@aol.com.

Next month; is there a demand for Aikido in Sedgefield - and what is it exactly?

When is a star not a star?

Answer - when it's the Evening Star or the Morning Star. Often taken for a very bright star and wrongly called the Evening or Morning Star, the planet Venus can be a beautiful sight in the twilight sky. During much of the rest of 2005, Venus will dominate the western/north-western sky shortly after sunset. It can be seen long before any true stars become visible and will be low in the sky, following the setting sun.

Venus is the second planet from the Sun; the Earth is the third. It is very close in size to the Earth but there the similarity ends. Venus has a very thick atmosphere containing lots of carbon dioxide and the pressure at the surface is 90 times greater than we experience, which has had the effect of trapping much of the heat from the Sun (a severe case of the greenhouse effect) and results in a surface temperature of over 450°C; hot enough to melt lead! Venus shows phases (crescent etc.) like the Moon and a small telescope can show these. Nothing of the surface can be seen from the Earth because Venus is shrouded in thick layers of cloud. These clouds are made of sulphuric acid. Named after the goddess of love and beauty, Venus does not live up to her name. Crushing pressure, searing temperatures and clouds of sulphuric acid mean that the truth is closer to a vision of hell!

Ancient people saw her with the naked eye, as you can over the coming months. Her beauty and brilliance are without challenge by planet or star.

Ian goes beyond the Barrier!

Ian Thomson recently set himself the target of walking of 184 miles in nine days, along the River Thames, from its source near Cirencester to the Thames Barrier, in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust.

“Day one, 14th May, I set off from the official source, which is a dry well, and reached the first water after a mile. Soon, the small stream became wider. It was a pleasure to stroll along past villages, with ever changing scenery by the riverside and a wide variety of birds and butterflies for company. There were no humans sighted until I had completed more than twenty miles. As I approached Lechlade, boats started to appear (this point is the furthest upriver that is navigable).

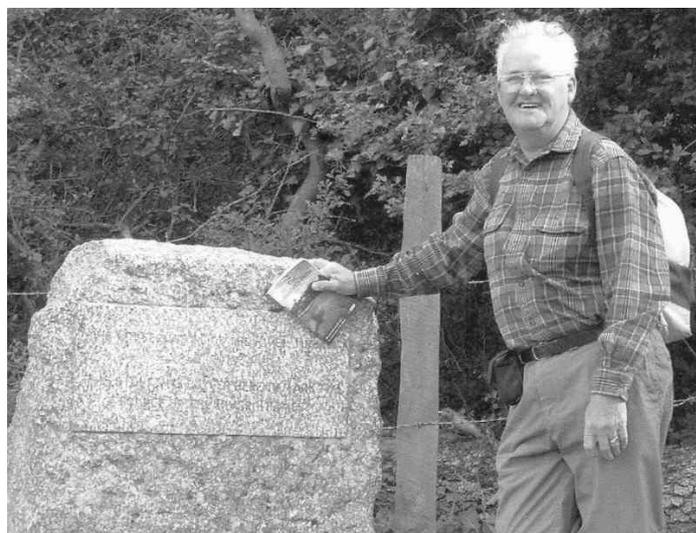
Day two was very hot, so I walked in shorts (not a pretty sight). The countryside was superb, and a few boats were out. I enjoyed a well-earned beer at the end of the day. The third day was, thankfully, cooler, with a few afternoon showers. Walking through Oxford, it was surprising how peaceful the river was in such a large city. Apart from three rowing eights and a couple of joggers, the riverside was deserted.

I had been amazed how quiet the river had been over the first three days. Day four was no different. I met two people walking the Thames path in the opposite direction (this was after 78 miles), a New Zealand couple, in England to do the walk for their main holiday.

Day five was a lovely walking day with good weather, passing through Whitchurch village, to me the most picturesque of the entire walk. I made a very enjoyable stop near Shiplake. The entire local school were out in force on the river, practising their rowing – activity at last! Day six the weather changed; it rained for most of the day, so it was head down and just keep walking, past Henley and Marlow. I finished the day at Windsor. This was my farthest walking day of just over 25 miles.

Day seven - the shortest, as my feet were hurting! I lunched at Runnymede and finished at Shepperton.

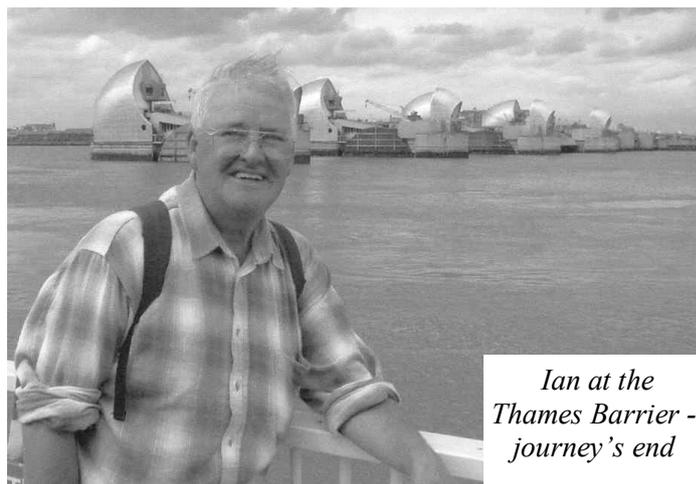
Day eight, my feet well rested after an easy day. The end was in sight, only 43 miles to go in two days. But then the rain came; it was heavy rain all morning, easing off to heavy showers in the afternoon. The river was now very busy; with rowing, sailing and canoeing; and the riverbank well used by runners, joggers and cyclists. Despite the



weather I thoroughly enjoyed the day's walk, and finally met two more walkers of the Thames Path – from Bishop Auckland!

Day nine dawned - only 20 miles to go. The weather was good, the feet were bad, just take it easy and enjoy! A quiet start from Putney through Battersea Park, then dodge the humans along the South Bank. On to Greenwich, past the Dome - there was the Barrier. Head up, chest out, finished! I passed the Barrier and enjoyed a bottle of bubbly from Keith (my youngest, who lives in London). I had made it.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped me raise over £1,900 for the Anthony Nolan Trust. Also, to my wife Elaine and my two sons, who all kept in touch by 'phone and gave me encouragement when it got hard!"



Ian at the Thames Barrier - journey's end

Stepping out at 60 - the walking trend continues!

The aptly named Susan *Walker* and her friend Joan Dalton, both from Claremont Grove in Sedgefield have decided sitting on their bums is no way to greet their new pensioner status. The intrepid pair have taken on the challenge of walking the length of Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for the North East Air Ambulance.

Since doing a walk with Bob Johnson some time ago, the friends have walked miles and miles across the

region, so when they wanted to do something for the charity this seemed the obvious route to go down. Encouraged by the support of the Reg Vardy group, they have been collecting sponsors in the weeks leading up to the walk, which began at Bowness on June 25th. The journey takes them through Carlisle, Walton, Twice Brewed, Humshaugh and Wylam, and by Friday July 1st they should be greeted at Wallsend by an ITV camera crew

and their very proud family and friends (they are wondering if it's the Great Wall of China next!) We'll have a photo report in the next issue. Let's hope the pictures are bright and sunny!

If you would like to support Susan and Joan and this very deserving charity, please contact Dawn Walker on 07979 598551 or 07921 875287.



**Developing science and
learning in Sedgefield**



science-live@NetPark

The success of last year's pilot means that around 4,000 visitors are expected from 11th to 19th July at **'science-live@ netpark'**.

A 200 metre square geodesic dome will be erected on a 5 acre site just off Salters Lane, to house a planetarium, seating for an audience of 60, and interactive and hands on exhibitions. There will be many other tensile structures, marquees and smaller domes; one housing a telescope to demonstrate sun spotting - something not to be done at home!

NetPark has established a very positive relationship with the Royal Institution for science-live, and the first four days will feature the **Royal Institution NetPark Lectures** - two one hour lectures each day, aimed at secondary school students, and with titles such as 'MARS ROCKS', 'POO, PEE AND PUKE' and 'CRASH! BANG! BOOM!' they are sure to be inspirational.

Activities will be full of interest and excitement for students, family groups and other visitors. You can meet a scientific magician, tour the NetPark Institute, experience the gyroscope, enjoy a picnic and listen to music from a wide variety of bands including the Weapons of Sound.

One experience not to be missed is a trip to the Blue Room, where there will be exciting simulated rides for 20 to 30 people at a time.

NetPark entrepreneur wins recognition

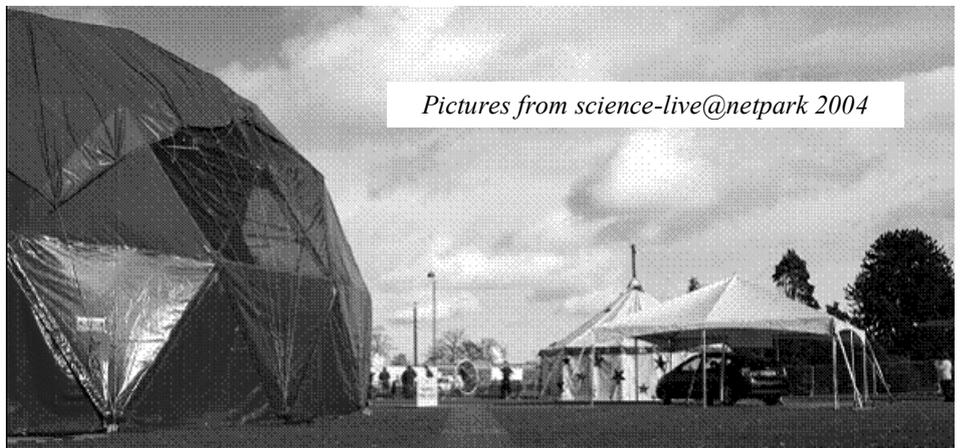
Dr Arnab Basu of Durham Scientific Crystals, has been chosen to receive a North East Business Award. He featured on this page last month in the campaign to raise the profile of the region, and clearly was a good choice; a man who is going places.

Science-live@NetPark will provide exceptional insight into the scientific world, stimulating interest and promoting involvement for young people and for the not-so-young who have retained their curiosity.

The event is in two parts; the first from 11th to 14th July, for schools from all over County Durham. The site will close on Friday the 15th for re-organisation, then open to the public from Saturday 16th until Tuesday 19th. It will be open all day until 5 pm and entrance is FREE.



Lectures will be informal during the public event. There will be plenty of car parking and the whole site will be laid out to ensure that it will be a great success *whatever the weather*.



Pictures from science-live@netpark 2004

July Diary

Announcements on this page are free
to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Lyric Singers & Lyrics Youth Choir

Sing For You

at their Summer Concert in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd July

Tickets from Selections, Audrey Lofthouse (620625) or any member

Beer Festival

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd July
Ceddesfeld Hall & Grounds

Town Councillor Surgery

Monday 4th July

6.30 - 7 pm; Council Offices

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 5th July

NB - Programme change

Clematis

a talk and slides by Colin Brown
Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30pm
All Welcome

Sedgefield Darts & Dominoes League

Senior Citizens' Outing to Redcar

Wednesday 6th July,

leaving Parish Hall at 12.15pm
for Ladies 60+ and Gentlemen 65+
Please register your name at the Post Office or contact Bill Cooper on 620057 or Mary Hodgson at the Pop-in Club

Sedgefield W.I.

Wednesday 6th July

7.45pm Parish Hall
Mrs M Goodchild

"Cookery Hints and Tips"

Members' Competition,
a flower arrangement in a cup
New members always welcome

Local History Society

Monday 4th July

7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
Gordon Morris

'American Independence:

an historical celebration

Further details on 620244
Everyone welcome

Tiny Steps at St Edmund's

Wednesday 6th July at 1.30pm

Singing & Stories for pre-school children & carers

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

from 9.30am - 1.30pm on

Sunday 9th July

Please contact Joanne Martin
Tel: 0774 3337960 for details

Alnwick Castle Gardens

Last chance to get tickets for trip on

Thursday July 14th

Tickets

Pensioners £10 Others, £12
from the Town Council Office
This only includes entrance into the Gardens – the castle is extra

science-live @ NetPark

July 16th - 19th

10am - 5pm Entry free
See page 9 for details

Cancer Research UK

Treasure Hunt with an

historical flavour!

Saturday 16th July at 6.30pm

starting at Ceddesfeld Hall

Contact Margaret Ogden, 621028

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 21st July

"A guided walk around Tees Barrage & Maze Park"

with Steve Ashton from Tees Valley

Wildlife Trust

Meet at Parish Hall Car Park

Cars leave there at 6.30pm

Contact 620811 for details

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 19th July

7.30pm Parish Hall

"Members' Evening"

Everyone Welcome

Family History Group

(part of Cleveland FHS)

Wednesday 27th July at 7pm

Please note change of usual night

Visit to Northallerton

Record Office - Look behind the scenes and time to do some of your own family tree research

Numbers are limited, please book your place by ringing 620367

St Edmund's Church

Baptisms and Weddings can be booked in Church on Thursdays between 6.30 & 7.30pm

Planetarium Dates

Sunday 3rd July at 3 pm

The Wonders of the Universe

Sunday 17th July at 3 pm

The Stars from Down Under

Sunday 24th July at 3pm

The Wonders of the Universe

Booking advised -

phone 630544

Country Market

Fridays in Parish Hall

from 9.30-11am

Home baking, fresh eggs,
garden produce, crafts.

Tea & Coffee served

Sedgefield & District Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

101 Gigs in July

- 2/7 The Old Fox, Felling, G'head
- 3/7 The Vic, Saltburn
- 9/7 The Princess Alice, M'brough
- 15/7 Garricks Head, N Shields
- 17/7 The Clarendon, Redcar
- 21/7 The Bluebell, Fulwell
Sunderland
- 24/7 The Normanby
- 30/7 O'Neills, Durham City

Nirvana

- 29/9 The Duke of Cumberland,
Felling, Gateshead

Forward Planner

August

13th Sedgefield Show

September

26th - Oct 1st Drama Festival

October

15th Round Table Autumn Fayre

22nd Trafalgar Day, Ceddesfeld

November

5th Fireworks Display, Ceddesfeld

19th St Edmund's Church Fayre

December

9th & 10th Lyric Singers' Concerts

For up to date changes and new events go to www.sedgefieldweb

VE Anniversary

Wilf and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Mayoress and the Town Clerk Lesley, with the support of many other people, for making this memorable 60th Anniversary of V.E. Day possible.

We were both greatly honoured to have been asked to unveil the new memorial plaque. Once again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Wilf and Jeanette Garbutt

Just to say thanks

The Christian Aid week house to house collection in Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon this year raised a total of £3,164.28. Thank you to all who contributed to this substantial amount. Thanks also to our team of dedicated collectors who gave their time and effort to this very worthwhile cause.

David & Margaret Glass

Funding folly?

I find it very difficult to understand why the **Great North Air Ambulance Service** does not receive Government funding! It carries out an essential service, as I am sure some of the readers of this paper will be able to testify. I am appalled that this service may cease, due to lack of money.

Although I am not opposed to culture, I do feel that the amount of money being spent on Hardwick Park (which to all intents and purposes is still a folly) is obscene, when **essential services** are being cash-starved.

It doesn't matter from which direction the cash is obtained, it all comes out of our pockets by one means or another. So please, before you buy another lottery ticket ask yourself, "where am I most likely to receive a benefit from my donation"- then hold back and send it to the **Great North Ambulance Service** as an insurance against someone's life - perhaps your own!

David Hillerby

Noteworthy event!

On 14th June I was privileged to see a uniformed officer move on an "on-pavement/double yellow line" parker at Bells corner.

Name & Address provided

Your Letters

I would just like to say a big thank you to the gentleman who came to my assistance in the CO-OP car park on Sunday 12th June. Having just popped out for Sunday papers, no mobile phone with me. Luckily, this gentleman told me "Your front tyre is going down". He immediately loaned me his mobile so I could contact my husband, who then had to ask another very nice gentleman to come to my rescue, which he has done many times in the short time we have lived in the area. The first gentleman, who I did not know, but was told, was Dr. Guy Robertshaw, and the latter one was our own Parish Chairman, Mr. John Parkinson.

Thank you both very much indeed. When I relayed this to my neighbour, Miss Shaw, she said, "Why didn't you phone me? I could have brought your husband in." I thought "How kind", as, I may add, she is eighty years old. I just find everyone so kind and helpful.

Ann Hutchinson.

Corner Cottage, Mordon.

Golden Girls rescue lost dog

Early on the morning of 4th June, a black spaniel dog was running amok in the road, causing hold-ups with oncoming traffic. A lady from Crispin Court saw this happening and rushed out into the road and rescued this animal. This lady could have been killed, she was so anxious for this little creature. This incident caused an awful lot of problems and no end of telephone calls. The ladies here at Crispin Court were asking for help, and were refused.

Thank you to the police for helping us to find the owner.

The point is, please put a disc with your name and address on your pet's collar, so that you can be traced.

The Golden Girls of Crispin Court PS – We are nearly 90+ and we can just about rescue ourselves!

Sedgefield Development Partnership is a member of the Development Trusts Association.



In appreciation

May I, through the auspices of Sedgefield News, publicly thank our local veterinary practice - in particular Mr Geoff Clifford-Brown, for his prompt, caring and humane attention to our fatally sick family pet. Her illness was of sudden onset and to complicate matters, it was a Sunday evening. I would like to commend the swift response to my first frantic 'phone call and the sympathetic action of the practice.

Unfortunately we had to lose her but it was all over within an hour, sparing much suffering all round.

Joan C. Wilson

Citizenship at Sedgefield Community College

The school is working in joint partnership with Sedgefield Town & Borough Council, the Police and Neighbourhood Watch Association to keep the village free from litter. The Neighbourhood Warden (Mr Tim Spearey) has been allocated "Thank You" vouchers to distribute to any of our students who are seen to use the letter bins during lunchtime. Vouchers should be returned to Form Tutors who will then issue Reward Stamps. All vouchers should then be returned to Mr Tomlinson – Deputy Head Teacher. Be Aware! The Neighbourhood Warden is also empowered to issue £50 fines to anyone dropping litter!

Closure of Halifax Agency

After 35 years, Meikle's Solicitors have decided that it is no longer financially viable to continue to run the Halifax agency in Sedgefield. The solicitors will continue to trade from the premises on High Street.

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