



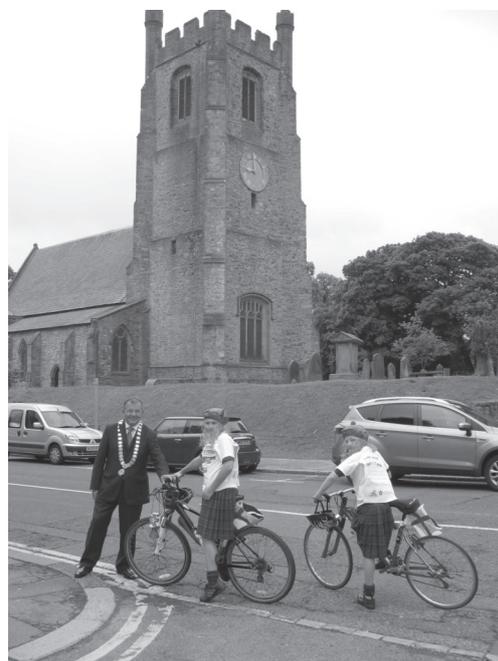
Sedgefield NEWS

July 2010

Sponsored cycle ride

Yarm School pupils Sam Guest and Sam Lofthouse, aged 13, met Sedgefield Mayor Allan Blakemore on the last lap of their sponsored cycle ride from Edinburgh to Yarm. Covering 240 miles during their half term break, the pals raised over £1,000 for leukaemia research.

Inspired by the charity fund raising efforts of cricketing legend Sir Ian Botham, the boys chose to support this particular charity, as a friend's father died recently from the disease. The pair were joined on the trip by cousin Sarah Wilson from Wakefield and Sam Guest's father Andy of Rounton, North Yorkshire. Proud grandparents Derrick and Audrey Lofthouse, who live in Sedgefield, said, "After a rainy ride from Tyneside, they arrived in Sedgefield soaking wet and splattered in mud. After smartening themselves up to meet the mayor, they continued their journey in suitable Scottish dress and arrived back at Yarm school to a heroes' welcome." To sponsor the Two Sams, visit www.justgiving.com.



The Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr. Allan Blakemore, greets the Two Sams near the end of their ride.

Sedgefield in Bloom

Members of Sedgefield in Bloom were delighted with the success of two events hosted during June as part of Britain in Bloom 2010.

A Blooming Marvellous treasure hunt proved very popular during the half term break. Crowds of children and their parents turned out in glorious sunshine to hunt for floral clues around the town's heritage trail and enjoy cream teas in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall. Jointly organised by Sedgefield in Bloom and the town council, the day also saw the judging of a children's floral photographic competition. Clare Hubbard, Civic Pride Officer for Durham South, had earlier provided digital cameras for members of Sedgefield Fun Club. Their 30 entries were judged by Sedgefield in Bloom Chairman Councillor Ian Sutherland. Elizabeth Haley produced the winning close-up shot and runners-up were Freya Usher and Eleanor Wright. Community Development Officer Angela Simpson said, " We had a marvellous fun day with a wonderful turn-out of enthusiastic young people and their parents. With support like this Sedgefield will continue to bloom for many years to come."

A few days later, Sedgefield Bloomers provided refreshments for a Blooming Marvellous coffee morning in the newly refurbished police station. The station is now energy efficient, with underground thermal pipes and a heat transfer pump providing all the heat required for the building. Lights are activated by sensors rather than conventional switches. Smart locker rooms have taken the place of the overnight cells, removed some time ago after a change in legislation by PACE, the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. PC Keith Todd, Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lowndes, Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne and PCSO Louise Buckley were on hand to answer visitors' questions and give information. Keen to encourage crime prevention, with the help of organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch and PACT, the officers appreciated this opportunity of making further links with the community. Sedgefield's new mayor Councillor Allan Blakemore attended the event along with many local residents who were very impressed by the refurbished building as well as the delicious home-baked scones and biscuits.



Sedgefield Fun Club at the Blooming Marvellous treasure hunt in Ceddesfeld Hall



Outside the police station with volunteers and visitors to the Blooming Marvellous Coffee morning

URGENT APPEAL

Sedgefield News is in dire need of people to deliver copies of Sedgefield News on a regular basis, due to ill health and emigration! Two 'rounds' are involved:

- 16 to 26 Eden Drive (approximately 61 copies).
- Hadleigh Close, Haseldon Grove, Claremont Grove and West Park Lane (approximately 93 copies). Even if somebody could do just one of these streets it would help.

If you think you can assist then ring Judith Edgoose on **01740 620244** or email mail@toddshousefarm.co.uk. Thank you

Not just three choirs.....

What do ...Action Aid, Butterwick Hospice, and Durham Society for the Blind and Partially sighted, Mission to sea farers and Great North Air Ambulance Serviceall have in common? They are just a few of the many good causes supported by Sedgefield Lyric, Sedgefield Lyric Youth Choir (SLYC) and Lirica to the tune of nearly £7000 over the past 10 years. This considerable amount has been raised through regular summer and Christmas concerts, and other fundraising events over the years. This year the Lyrics and SLYC summer is on Friday 9th July and Saturday 10th July 2010 at 7.30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall. The three choirs also contribute to the musical life of the village and surrounding area and are regularly invited by organisations around the district to perform.

"The Lyrics" (as the original choir is fondly known) started in 1973. Keen to encourage young people into singing, the next step was the addition of a youth choir in 1985. Recently some of the former SLYC singers have developed their talents as new singing group Lirica. Two Lirica members now help out with SLYC, and one former youth choir member puts the Lyrics through their paces when the regular Musical director is not available. Full circle! So join us to celebrate the SLYC jubilee on October 22-24th 2010.

Singing in the choir is great fun. With the youngest member aged seven and others still singing well into their eighth decade (we even have three generations of the same family singing with us) - the Lyrics really are a "community choir". So if you enjoy songs from the shows, well loved classics or something completely new, then join us for rehearsals (no auditions) on a Friday night at Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield. We would especially like to hear from you if you sing tenor or bass. For more information, contact Joan Green on Tel: (01325) 317039 and Sandy Clubley (SLYC) on Tel: (01740) 620609

And come to our summer concert on Friday 9th July and Saturday 10th July 2010 to hear The Lyrics and SLYC in concert at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall - we look forward to meeting you! Admission is by ticket: all adults £5 including refreshments (£4 for those under 16). Tickets are available from Audrey Lofthouse on (01740) 620625, or from any choir member.



Lee Beaumont, the new Round Table Chairman, taking up position for the start of the day.

SPYS' cheque from Mayor's fund



Mayor Sheila Sutherland presented Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS) with a cheque from the mayor's fund at the annual assembly in May. SPYS Ciaran and Tim Jasper accompanied Players' chairman Norma Neal, who said, "We are very grateful for this generous donation, which will be used to develop the performing talents of our enthusiastic group of youngsters." SPYS meet on Sundays from 6.30-7.30 pm in the parish hall and new members, aged 7 - 17, are welcome. After a break for the summer holidays, several members of SPYS will compete in Sedgefield Drama Festival in September. For further information about SPYS or Sedgefield Players email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk or telephone 01740-620091.

Sedgefield Round Table

A big thank you to everyone who came and dunked a Witch on the Round Table Ducking Stool at last months' Medieval Fayre. The stool was last used by the Round Table nearly 20 years ago and we lovingly restored it in time for use this year. Most interest was generated when a local school teacher, Mr Legender, and a certain Mr Robinson were put on for Dunking! The water was pretty cold so you got your moneys' worth; the kids particularly enjoyed having a go. Nearly £400 was raised on the Ducking Stool alone and combined with our Bog of Grog & Lucky Lollies we raised a total of nearly £600 which we will be able to distribute to local charities and good causes.

Round Table is a group for like minded young men (under 45). We get together every couple of weeks to raise some money, do some good for the community and have a bit of fun (with a pint or 2 of course!) If you are interested in seeing for yourself what we are about, please get in touch with Rob on 01740 629079.

Snapshots of Sedgefield

Something a bit different this month. When Viv and Garry Jacobs started renovating their lovely Victorian cottage on East Parade in 1999, they found strips of brown paper under the stair carpet. Anyone else would have thrown it out, but the Jacobs painstakingly cleaned decades of dust from the paper strips, stuck them together and found what you see reproduced here. A brown paper carrier bag (remember them ?) from J. Mowbray, Italian Grocer and Warehouseman. He seemed to sell everything from his Front Street shop, including corsets and the mysterious patent "Lily". Does anyone have any information or recollection of the shop ? Did your parents or grandparents ever mention it ? If you can shed any light on the mystery, or if you have any interesting info (or photos) of other shops long gone from Sedgefield, please give me a ring on 620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk.

Many thanks to Dorothy Anderson, who, in June's Snapshot, identifies Florrie Dent (nee Icton) fourth from left in the middle row and Mrs Errington third right on the front row. Judith Sedgewick also recognised Florrie, but tells me that the lad with the camera in May's Festival of Britain Snapshot is definitely NOT her brother Alan. So who is he ? Please get in touch if you can help out or if you would like to loan or donate photographs or other documents to Sedgefield Local History Society. New members are very welcome. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.45 pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. See the diary for details of this month's speaker.

The 157th Sedgefield and District Agricultural Show

Which takes place on Saturday 14th August 2010 in the Robert Brown Show Field, West Park, Sedgefield, has been a tradition in the local area for over 150 years and as this event continues to grow year on year, the Show Committee anticipates a record number of entries and attendees in 2010. Gates open at 10am and car parking is free. Marquees open at 12 noon and attendees will be able to enjoy a variety of activities including a full range of competitions and displays comprising of agricultural classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, small livestock, a floristry demonstration and a dog show. The cattle and sheep classes once again make a return this year, along with the heavy horse category. The Show will also be hosting the only Goat Show in County Durham. There will also be several marquees with craft stalls, horticultural displays, home produce and handicrafts. The popular food hall makes a return this year where there will be a vast range of local and regional delicacies on offer. New this year is the attendance of Ferryhill based Yard of Ale Brewery offering a grand selection of real ales; and Keith Langham's Frere Quenelle Liqueurs will allow visitors to sample a range of spirits and liqueurs.

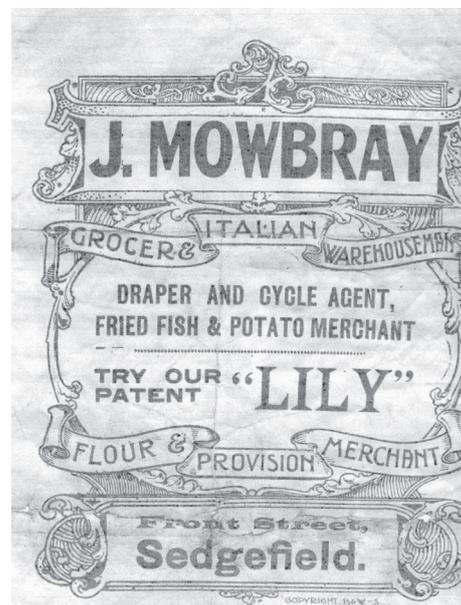
In the horticulture marquee visitors can view the prize vegetables, home and farm produce that will be on display, along with outstanding floral arrangements and floral demonstrations. In the craft tent, there will be a spinning and weaving demonstration and proggy mat making. A wide range of stalls will also be available including wood craft, art work and Thai hand made products.

The Show Committee are also looking forward to a large number of entries for the ever popular 'Build a Scarecrow Competition' where participants will be required to base their 'design' on a famous person, a profession or somebody they know, in an effort to win the 'Oliver Scarecrow Cup', courtesy of Ann and Norman Oliver. All scarecrows will be on display outside of the craft marquee prior to judging. For some family fun, Turners Funfair will be present along with the latest concept for kids' party fun, Go-Kart Party.

2010 sees the return of the Sedgefield Harriers running club who will be hosting the 'Temple Challenge' where anyone 15 years and over can take part in a race from the Show Field to the Hardwick Park Temple and back. The race starts at 1.00pm and the Harriers are expecting to attract a large number of entrants. A family fun run is also expected to take place.

A large number of trade stands are also expected, ranging from ride on lawn mowers and bespoke Equine jewellery & gifts to RJB Trailers and regatta clothing. J&M Pet Beds makes a return and the Police Crime Prevention Vehicle will also be in attendance. A number of local and national charities will also be visiting. In an effort to sustain these local events, which promote activities on which villages like Sedgefield have been dependant for such a long time, the Show Committee would like to thank the many supporters whose commitment allows unique events such as Sedgefield Agricultural Show to bring local people, industries and traditions together.

Ian Mason, Show Chairman, said, "After the increasing success and interest in Sedgefield Show, we are once again excited for this year's event and hope to increase attendees from a record number last year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind support and commitment."



Bloomin' Help Needed

Several times winners of the Best Small Town Award in Northumbria in Bloom, Sedgefield won a gold medal in 2009 and was invited to take part in Britain in Bloom 2010. Preparations are continuing apace and you will soon see new planting at all the village entrances and roundabouts as well as the usual glorious show in the centre of the village. Regional judging takes place on Tuesday July 20, with the national judges following on Thursday August 12. Everyone can help to show Sedgefield at its very best on those days - and every other day of the year - by keeping the village litter free, putting out hanging baskets and tubs and, of course, enjoying your own gardens and allotments, as well as our beautiful village green, the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall and the magnificent Hardwick Park. If you have a bright gardening idea, would like to become a sponsor, join the Bloomers, donate some plants or anything else to help Sedgefield in Bloom, please contact Angela at the council offices on 621273, angela.simpson@sedgefield.net.

Community SAFETY



Minutes of Meeting held on 8th
June 2010

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting, 13/04/2010: were accepted and approved as a true record.

2. Matters Arising: 5.2 Care Link Coach: A member asked for clarification regarding loss of this (ex S'field Borough) facility and costs now, following Durham County imposed changes. This was provided.

3a) Treas. Report: Treasurer provided details of present financial position.

3b) Sec. Report: The Secretary provided details of correspondence issued & received. It was recorded that a letter to Chief Insp. Stu Exley had been sent asking for rectification to phone line into Sedgefield Police Stn. & also commending the call centre handler for her excellent customer service.

4. Representative Reports:

a) Community Force: Tim Spearey was unable to provide his normal report due to administrative problems. Tim informed members that he was now being allocated 3 out of 4 days rostered duty within the village. Members welcomed this return to previous agreement and said they now look forward to seeing an impact in the village **specifically** regarding dog fouling / persons caught.

c) Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Neil Langthorne gave members an update on his work and of further changes to his role and that of other "service providers" in the Crime Reduction Partnership (with the Police) including re-locating all providers into the one building at Spennymoor. Neil is now heavily involved with Farm Watch & Business Watch having initially concentrated on residential N/Hood Watch. Neil has recently given talks in our Community Hospital, for which C/man Ken Saiger noted he had heard nothing but praise for Neil's efforts & also for Keith Lownds regular visits to the Hospital whose work has been equally valued and impressive. A member asked Neil if he was active in considering recruiting / involving younger members to N/Hood Watch. Neil advised that there is a drive to promote youth involvement and there are plans to set up 4 pilot schemes in this area and he is very keen to be given one of these.

b) Crime Prevention Officer: Keith Lownds was unfortunately called away at the last minute, however as the Divisional Commander Andy Reddick had "popped in" as a visitor to our meeting he volunteered to give an update about crime in our area, introduce himself and explain his aspirations and targets for the Police **& the public** in our area. Commander Reddick's area encompasses Barnard Castle, Darlington, Sedgefield, Ferryhill & Spennymoor, he foresees more pain financially, and more community self-help as well as working with community partners however he is hugely optimistic as he has come to an excellent set of officers with a very good and steadily improving record at crime reduction and detection. Commander Reddick gave actual figures for overall crime, burglary, vehicle crime, and anti social behaviour as well as targets. He also freely gave his new, more demanding targets for his officers and informed members that he will be seen in the local offices and the community; he will be seeing for himself what he is being told (in reports). C/man Ken Saiger thanked Commander Reddick for dropping in on our meeting, meeting our members and his contribution to the meeting.

5 Tapes for the Blind:

C/man Ken Saiger informed members that the CD units had been purchased and would be issued to the sight impaired residents by vice Chair David Hillerby in the coming weeks. He reminded members that we have David Brown to thank for making this provision possible so quickly following our request for financial assistance; he was the sole donator on this occasion; the balance coming from N/H/watch funds.

6. A.O.B.

6.1 Lack of Information from Police: A resident asked why when (previously) reporting an incident he was refused information about the persons when they were already "known" to the Police; his concern being for his personal safety by being deprived of further details. This situation the rights / wrongs and "best interests" were well discussed and accurately covered for the Police by Commander Reddick.

6.2 Recent Farm Watch Alert: This event related to 4 youths in a Nissan Micra, a resident asked for more details and this was provided. A N/H/Watch member queried why they had not been notified (by ring round) to be on the lookout also. Neil explained why they were not notified on this occasion.

6.3 Incidents NOT reported to Police: A resident brought two such items to PC Keith Todd's attention (namely killing of deer and attempted theft within the village) also several members' worries relating to firearms - carrying and discharge, were brought to Keith's attention. Keith thanked members and residents for notifying him of these concerns.

6.4 1st Sedgefield Scouts: C/man Ken Saiger informed members that following the last Executive meeting it had been agreed to make a donation (£100) to our very deserving local Scout group, as youngsters always striving to fund their own activities. The presentation had been made on Monday 7th by David Hillerby an ex Scout Master himself on behalf of our Watch group. Ken Saiger commended David for his representation of the work our group does not just relating to home security but how we care for our neighbours and look out for the elderly and disadvantaged in our community. It was a message that all the youngsters listened to carefully and attentively as they seemed to recognise David was - one of their own. See photo on page 5 for further detail.

6.5 Area Action Partnership: Local representative Julia Bowles gave an update and urged members to get involved for the benefit of our village and themselves, providing dates of next two meetings.

6.6 Dog Fouling: A resident attending last night's Res Forum meeting had been encouraged to bring his proposal to **Ban Dogs** from the centre of the village to the N/Hood Watch meeting. The Chair advised that this was not a matter for our N/Hood Watch but rather one to be taken before our Town Council; this guidance was endorsed by Commander Reddick. However it was noted that the Panel would record that residents are still frustrated by their continued experience of totally excessive dog fouling within the village. Hopefully Tim Spearey and his colleagues will now make a serious impact by catching and fining the offenders.

Meeting Closed & PACT opened

Police Crime report from 6th April - 8th June 2010: - Keith issued his report

There were: - 547 calls to the Police (19-Crime; 16-ASB; 107-Traffic Related).

and **8 thefts from cars; 4 Damage to cars & 1 to Property; & 4 Thefts of Property** recorded.

PC Todd reports

Since the arrest and conviction of a male for vehicle crime, the report of all types of crimes in Sedgfield has returned to the normal low level. However, this time of year anything that can be removed from your garden becomes a target, please secure or mark any property you wish to keep!

The few crimes reported include theft of a garden ornament from Spring Lane and damage to vehicles in West Park Lane and Salters Lane.

All good things come to an end, wise men would say. This is true of my Skoda police car, which was kindly donated by Turners Garage. This has now been replaced by a new vehicle from police stock. I had the pleasure of using this vehicle for 9 years and have lots of memories from its use as the local beat vehicle. Persons arrested, who travelled in the rear may have a different point of view! I would like to thank Ann Harris from Turners in particular for making this possible. *Until next time, Keith*

P.A.C.T. meeting

A meeting was held after the Crime Watch meeting. Members were informed that a number of fixed penalty tickets (£30) were issued for persons parking in bus bays outside Theakstons shop and the Co-op. This month the Beat Team will concentrate their efforts on the Zebra Crossing on the High Street – You have been warned!

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in Ceddesfeld Hall. No reports were made from the recent Mediaeval Fayre. We all look forward to the World Cup and ask that customers enjoy themselves but remain on their best behaviour.

Many thanks
Keith

Relevant Telephone Numbers:

To contact our **Local Police:**
Telephone: - **0345 60 60 365**
NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident number.

Community Warden Tim

Spearey at Sedgfield ring:
623654 or via Chilton Control
Room ring: **01388 721351**

For advice / assistance: -

Police Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lownds, Telephone **01325 742714**

Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, Telephone **01325 742755**

Jottings from June Residents Forum meeting

The Forum met on June 7th and updates were given on various issues, in particular the complaints made to Durham County Council (DCC) regarding the circa £47K section 106 money relating to Cunningham Court development and DCC's delays and non replies to residents queries. The Local Government Ombudsman is looking into the complaints. Serious concern was expressed at the lack of information on footpath repairs in and around the village and progress on youth provision for the village. The Forum has been asking since April 2008 for a schedule of planned footpath repairs in the village, Cllr Robinson has been dealing with this issue but has not been able to, so far, provide any information. The same is true of progress on youth provision for the village. It was agreed to ask DCC, using Freedom of Information, for answers to two questions put by residents.

A couple of days after the meeting we became aware of launch of the County Durham Plan – the Local Development Framework which includes the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. You will remember a couple of so years ago, in the days of Sedgfield Borough Council there was consultation on this issue; our community expressed strong objections to the areas identified as potential for developments. On first inspection of the report it appears that the land to the south and east of Eden Drive and bordering the Meadows plus the three cornered field is still considered suitable areas for development with figures of 260+ and 46 dwellings possible on the areas. Of course, it does not necessarily mean this will happen only that the areas have been identified as suitable.

We have not been aware of any consultation on this issue since that of Sedgfield Borough Council some years ago but there is now a consultation exercise being done by DCC from 11th June to 6th August. The Forum requested DCC representatives to come to the next Forum (July 5th) to give information but they do not have the resources to offer this service to individual areas. By the time you read this DCC will have held an exhibition/consultation on the issue in the Library 2pm to 7pm on June 24th.

IMPORTANTLY July 5th is also the meeting date of our Area Action Partnership Forum. The actual AAP Forum meeting will be from 6pm to 8pm in Fishburn Youth and Community Centre with an information market place running from 3pm to 5pm. It is anticipated that there will be information given on the Local Development Framework at both the 3-5pm and 6-8pm sessions. As soon as there is an agenda for the day available it will be put on the village notice board.

In order to allow people to attend the AAP Forum we will be **cancelling the Residents Forum scheduled for July 5th** so the next Residents Forum meeting will be August 2nd 7pm in the Fletcher Room.

Presentation to 1st Sedgfield Scout Group



Sedgfield Neighbourhood Watch Chairman and 'Ex Scout Leader' David Hillerby presents a donation made by Sedgfield Neighbourhood Watch Group to Sedgfield Scout Leader, Geoff Tonks. (see previous page)

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

So, summer does appear to have properly arrived at last. And indeed, some of the summer sports are beginning to become more prominent in the national media. England's recent thrilling triumph in the ICC World Twenty20 certainly generated quite a buzz and a lot of column inches, and as I type this, tennis is about to make a bid for centre stage with the start of Wimbledon. However, the main focus of all media changed dramatically for a month on 11th June when the FIFA World Cup kicked off in South Africa. By the time you read this, I'm hoping that England will have put the awful performance against Algeria firmly behind them (please!). As usual, we have been able to experience the ritual of the media relentlessly building up expectations of the England squad and cranking up the hype, day after day (yes, one of the tabloids has already quoted Churchill when urging on the team). That's always followed by a remorseless campaign to damn our 'heroes' when England crash out of the tournament. This second part has started earlier than usual, thanks to the woeful Algeria match. Of course, this does absolutely nothing to help England or take some of the pressure off the team so that they might relax and start to remember how to play decent football. But I suppose it sells newspapers, so that's okay then.

It's this media attitude to sport that the Mail on Sunday so ably demonstrated recently when publishing a pretty weak story (once analysed in detail) that only served to shift units while causing acute embarrassment and damage to England's bid to host the 2018 World Cup. Lord Triesman certainly made a fool of himself, but the newspaper seemed to revel in helping to harm the England bid. That's a bid, by the way, that if successful would bring huge economic benefits to the country and particularly to the North East. Sunderland and Newcastle Gateshead are both candidate host cities in the England bid and the thought of watching World Cup matches being played in the region definitely excites me. With them, those matches would bring a huge global profile for the North East and of course many thousands of visitors, all spending money in this neck of the woods. Well, here's hoping that the England bid team can still earn the honour of hosting the tournament, despite the poisonous efforts of the Mail on Sunday. This is all, of course, just my humble opinion. Right, I'll get off my high horse now!

Youth football

Sedgefield Youth FC recently held their annual presentation evening and handed out the following trophies:

Most man of the match awards - Jordan Parkin and Jacob Ho (joint winners)

Most improved player - Joe Worley
Continued commitment - coach Sean Parkin

The John Robinson Trophy - Jamie Herd for scoring over 50 goals for Sedgefield Youth FC in the past three seasons

Manager's Player - Joe Peacock

The Alfred Stelling Trophy for sportsman of the year - Jacob Ho.

The evening also included a buffet, karaoke and music by Leading Lights Disco (Adam Postgate). A tombola run by Jackie Postgate MBE raised £188 for the club, which was grateful to new Mayor of Sedgefield Alan Blakemore who attended and presented the trophies.

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club received recognition for its on and off-court performance at this year's Durham and Cleveland Squash Association presentation night. The club won Small Club of the Year and was also presented with its ClubMark Silver Accreditation, in recognition of its organisation, facilities, and development work. Individual honours were won by Vicky Barker who won the Smith Trophy for best personal performance at county level, and Johnathan Slee who won League 2 Player of the Year. The men's first team also received the runners-up award for the County League Cup. Chris and Julia Rowsby were awarded the Endeavour Trophy for their much appreciated voluntary services to squash at both club and county level. On a hot summer afternoon on 5th June, 16 foolhardy members locked themselves inside to play in the club's first 'squash blitz'. Teams of four people competed against each other with individuals playing their counterparts for an uninterrupted 10 minute session, without any breaks. All points scored contributed towards the overall team performance. This made for an intensive, fast paced and quite different game of squash, with the hot courts playing their part in keeping the ball moving. In the end the winning team was Stephen Rowsby, Simon Hill, Sharon Brown and Sharon O'Donnell. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and this could well become a regular fixture on the calendar.

Sedgefield Harriers

A good contingent from Sedgefield Harriers 'enjoyed' the wet conditions at the Redcar Half Marathon to record good times and positions in the race. Ian Blakemore was the first Harrier to finish in a time of 1:21:41 and 41st position overall in the race, which was also the North East half marathon championships. The fast flat route started at the Marske end of Redcar

seafront and headed off along the seafront before joining the Trunk Road for an out-and-back loop past Lackenby. The conditions were overcast with some drizzle, which kept competitors cool and spectators damp. Richard Bayles recorded 1:25:35, Gareth Bell 1:27:59, Graeme Addison 1:30:43, Ean Parsons 1:33:13, Christine Hearmon 1: 53:40, Barry Durham 1:53:52, Susan Smith 1:56:29 and Emma Craig 1:57:10. The results only tell half the story: it was Graeme Addison's second half marathon, the last being the Great North Run in 1993 and his time was seven minutes faster than then; Gareth Bell beat his previous best; it was Ean Parsons' best time since 1987; Susan Smith and Emma Craig achieved personal targets of dipping under two hours, Susan in her first half marathon and Emma making a big improvement on her previous best. This was a strong set of results for the Harriers. While the senior race was going on, Sedgefield Harriers juniors made their own contribution to a successful day; Ben Hetherington and Abie Hearmon were individual winners of the male and female events in the 3km family fun run. One of the Harriers' main events of the year is now open for entries. The 2010 Sedgefield Serpentine will begin at 10.30am on 12th September, starting and finishing at the cricket club, where there will be a barbeque for runners, family and friends afterwards. To encourage more participants from Sedgefield and the surrounding area, the Harriers are holding a team challenge, which is open to other clubs, such as football, cricket, boxing, Round Table, bowling and of course darts. The first four runners from the winning team will receive a prize, and have their name etched onto a team challenge shield. Entry details can be found on www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk. Sedgefield Harriers run a comprehensive range of sessions for adults and juniors, whatever their level or ability. Full details can be found on the new Harriers website - www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk. For more information about adult sessions contact Ean Parsons on ean.p@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk. To find out more about the juniors contact Scott Hydon on scott.h@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk. Finally for this month, news that Sedgefield NETPark FC start their pre-season training at the Community College on Sunday 4th July, at midday. If you're interested in joining the club, which has just been promoted for the second season in a row, please contact David Ryder on 07515 020766. As ever, if you have any sports news send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Sedgefield Folk Festival

3rd to 5th September

As part of the Festival, there will be a free story telling session for young children (under 10 years) in Sedgefield Library on Saturday 4th September from 10.30am to 12 noon with nationally renowned professional storyteller, Tony Wilson.

There will also be a free Irish Dance Workshop in the Fletcher Room at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4th September from 11.45am to 1.30pm for children and adults. Anyone interested in attending and receiving free tuition from Frances Doonan and the Band, please ring Joan Edmundson on 621347.

Also appearing is a world class concert line up including 'Johnny Silvo', 'Jez Lowe', 'The Doonan Family', 'Isambarde', 'Edwina Hayes' and lots more.

In addition, free Dance and Music Workshops for adults and children. Full details on web.

www.Sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk

National Bookstart Day

Sedgefield Library celebrated National Bookstart Day this year by treating big Ted to a day at the seaside. Ted invited all his "Rhyme Time" friends to spend the morning singing seaside songs, finding sea shells and reading stories. Everyone had a great time helping Ted put his sun glasses on and some even helped Ted rub sun cream into his fur (a very sticky situation indeed!)

Bookstart is a national programme that encourages all parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as early an age as possible. Bookstart aims to provide a free pack of books to every baby in the UK, to inspire, stimulate and create a love of reading that will give children a flying start in life. But most of all we want to show that books are fun.

Sedgefield Library runs regular Rhyme Time sessions for toddlers where children can enjoy singing songs, sharing stories and making things. We also cater for babies with our Tickle Time sessions which aims to encourage a love of books from an early age. These sessions involve singing rhymes, exploring books, playing peek-a-boo and of course lots of tickling!

Children are very welcome at Sedgefield Library, we have lots of fun books including board books which you can read and share with your family. It's free to join and you can borrow up to 12 books for three weeks at a time and don't worry if you're a little late returning books, there are no fines for under 5's and reduced fines for over 5 year olds.

Dental Health Advice from Chris Edmonds

When is the best time to brush my teeth?

You may be surprised to learn that the best time is just before a meal or snack.

This is because if the bacteria are eliminated from your teeth before eating a meal, there are no bacteria present to convert sugars in the food to acid that will dissolve your teeth.

Acid in your mouth is neutralised by your saliva. On average it takes 20 – 30 minutes to neutralise the acid from a meal, snack or sip of a drink. Each mouthful counts as one acid exposure. To calculate how long your teeth are dissolving, add up the times between each mouthful or sip if less than 20 minutes, then add on a further 20 minutes after the last mouthful or sip. This total is the time your teeth have been dissolving for. So while you are sipping fruit juice or a man made drink, be aware your teeth are in an acid bath for quite some time and are being damaged not only during the time the drink is in your mouth.

Is there a bad time to brush my teeth?

Yes. The worst time to brush is within 20 – 30 minutes of consuming a meal or snack or drinking a sugary or acid containing

drink. The acid from the meal or drink has dissolved and softened the outer surface of your teeth – brushing the softened surface actually abrades and removes this softened part, increasing the damage done to your teeth. Surprised?

18th Ceddesfeld Beer Festival

The eighteenth annual Ceddesfeld Beer Festival is being held on Friday and Saturday - 2nd and 3rd July at Sedgefield Community Centre, Ceddesfeld Hall in Rectory Row.

Regular winners of the CAMRA north east real ale club of the year, the Ceddesfeld Beer Festival has become a permanent date in the village calendar. There will be fourteen great beers on offer this year featuring the small (and not so small) breweries of the north of England with beers from Mordue, Hambleton, Darwin and our very own Durham Brewery together with other fine beers from around the region.

BBQ on both evenings. Live music with Ceddesfolk on Saturday

Opening times:

Friday 7.00 - 11.00pm,

Saturday 6.00 - 11.00pm

Featured beers: Darwin Ghost, Durham Pickled Parson, Mordue Al Wheat Pet, Harviestoun Bitter & Twisted, Richmond Station Ale, Hambleton Black Dog Rhatas, Theakstons Lightfoot, Derwent Parsons Pledge, Consett Red Dust, Captain Cook Endeavour, Jarrow Rivet Catcher, H i l l Island Dun Cow Bitter, Yard of Ale Yard's Helles and Village Brewer Old Rabey Ale.

Further details:

Wendy Gill (01740 620206)

Ray Barron (01740 621166)

CLIC Sargent Concert

A concert in aid of CLIC Sargent (a charity for children with cancer founded by Sir Malcolm Sargent) will be held in St Edmund's Church on Friday 16th July at 7.30pm.

It will feature pupils past and present of Margaret Mowat and she hopes to raise as much money as possible for the charity but the arrangement is that 25% profits will go to St Edmund's so the church should also benefit.

Tickets cost £3.50 at the door or from Margaret Mowat.

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July Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Help for Heroes

Friday 2nd July at 7pm

Charity Night at Fishburn Working Mens' Club. Raffle & Entertainment by fantastic show group REFLECTIONS"
£5: email davidpeat8@sky.com

Local History Society

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm

Monday 5th July

Gordon Morris

"Anglo-Saxon Heritage in the NE"

All welcome

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 6th July - 7.30pm

Sedgefield WI

7.15pm, Parish Hall

Wednesday 7th July

"Spirit of the Andes Women's Knitting Co-operative - Bolivia" by Sue Sinclair
Members competition - a hand knitted tea-cosy

Visitors are always welcome

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 10th July

Eyes down at 7.30pm

Farmers' Market

Sunday 11th July - 9.30 - 1.30

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Sunday 11th July

The Black Lion, 8.30pm

Monday 2nd August

The Black Lion

Tim returns along with Laura Wilkinson with acoustic duo 'Headrush'.

Sing for Health

Last meeting 12th July

Then closed for summer with
Next meeting 7th September

CLIC Sargent Concert

Friday 16th July

St Edmund's Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £3.50 at the door

Sedgefield Together

Community Partnership

Funding Opportunities open meeting

Monday July 19th

Parish Hall, 7 - 9pm.

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Tuesday 20th July

Members evening

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 27th July

Visit to Castle Eden Walkway -

Hurworth Burn Reservoir

Meet in Parish Hall Car Park at 6.30pm to share transport.

Details; Steve Ashton 620559

sashton@teeswildlife.org

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 29th July

8pm in the Nag's Head - All Welcome

Sedgefield WI Coffee Morning

Saturday 31st July

10 - 12, Parish Hall

£1.50 entrance incl. tea & a scone

Hand-made Crafts Stall, Tombola,
Jewellery by Jewellicious, Cake Stall
and Book Stall

All welcome

Residents' Forum

No meeting in July

Sedgefield Family History

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

No meeting in July

For more information please ring

Sylvia Hall 620367

Sedgefield Methodist

Wives & Friends

No meeting in July & August

Ladies Club

No meeting in July & August

Sedgefield Library Events

Toy Library

Weds 14th July, 10-11am

Tickle Time - for babies

Monday 5th & 19th July, 2.15-3pm

Rhyme Time

Weds 7th & 21st July, 10-11am

Book Circle - Wed 21st July, 2pm

Summer Reading Challenge launch

Monday 26th July see Library for

details

Hardwick Park events

Contact 01740 621 505 or
hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

Family Bushcraft

Saturday 10th July

1.00pm - 3.00pm All welcome Free

Please call to book in advance.

Work with the Rangers to make your own den using natural materials found in the Park

Pond Dipping

Saturday 24th July

1.00pm - 3.00pm Families Free

Please call to book in advance.

Visit our ponds and work with the Rangers to discover what lurks beneath.

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events

- new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Meet Nags Head

Wednesdays 7.15 - 7.30

New members welcome

629070 or 620562

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip!

Fridays 9.30am - 12 Tea, coffee,
toast & conversation: All welcome

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church. Ofsted inspected

Mon - Thurs 9:15 - 11:45

Spaces for children 2+ years

Contact 621071 or 620572

Coming up in August

Residents' Forum

Monday 2nd August

7pm in the Fletcher Room

Hardwick Park events

Contact 01740 621 505 or
hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

Kite Making

Sunday 1st August

1.00pm - 3.00pm £2.50 a Kite

Please call to book in advance.

Come and make and decorate your very own kite to take home.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Thursday 5th August

7.00pm - 9.30pm Limited tickets.

Please call for cost and to book in advance.



Tenant Led Environmental Improvement Scheme Update

Is there a piece of land in your area which could do with sprucing up? Do you and your neighbours have an idea which will improve the environment? If so then sbh may be able to help!

We are inviting bids for a share of the £30,000 that we have set aside for small projects in this year's Tenant Led Environmental Improvement (TLEI) scheme.

Due to high levels of enquiries, the deadline for this year's bids has now been extended to **Friday, 30th July 2010**.

If you would like know more about how to bid for improvements to your local area and the criteria please contact Robbie McCormack on **0845 505 5500** or visit www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk for further information.

Snapshots of Sedgefield

I read with interest the June Sedgefield News and the interesting Snapshot of St Edmunds Women's Guild. The front row, 4th person from the left is **not** Mrs M Carr. The 5th person from the left is Libby Carr. The third person from the right is Mrs M Carr (Ana), my mother. Keep up the good work!
Mel Carr

Just to say 'Thank You' to Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon

A final total of £3610.38 was raised during this year's Christian Aid Week house to house collection. This amount will be further increased by approximately £300 as a result of the completed Gift Aid declarations. Thank you to all who contributed to this substantial amount, which will be used to help improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Thank you also to our team of dedicated collectors, who gave their time and effort to this very worthy cause.
David & Margaret Glass

Thanks from Joan Seymour

Grateful thanks to Sedgefield Community Association Ladies Club for the donation of £20 (fee) and the whip round which raised the grand total of £48.50. This amount I rounded off to £50 which will buy a pair of goats for a family living in poverty in Udaipur, North West India.

All monies donated go to 'I-CONNECT Friendship in India' and goes directly to those in greatest need. Thank you once again to the generosity of the folk in our beautiful village.

Joan Seymour

Car Boot

As it was a red hot day on Sunday 23, my husband and I thought we would have a look out to the car boot. It was dead on 10 o'clock when we got there. The fields were full on both sides of the road. Anyway, as advertised, if you go after 10 you will only be charged £1.00 entry fee instead of £2.00. Unfortunately, the queue to pay £1.00 was getting longer and longer. The main reason was due to sellers who had not even got through the gates and they also were waiting to go in and if possible find a space.

Around 5 past 10, people informed the man on the gate that the

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posters state you can get in after 10 o'clock for £1.00. The reply to this was that the boss needed to make a profit and he would not allow us in for £1.00, also there was over 300 stalls, if this is true and the charge on the gate made more profit than he has ever made, it was pure greed in my eyes and will think twice before we go again. Some people were paying £2.00 to get in after 10.00 o'clock which they should not have paid. I believe someone should be informing the person who runs the car boot that if the advert states £1.00 from 10 o'clock then it should mean just that.

Mr & Mrs May

Zoe's Place

We are running the great north run again for Zoe's Place. The hospice in Normanby, Middlesbrough for the under fives with life threatening or life limiting conditions. We would like to thank Sedgefield News, without which our sponsor money would not be near as much as we normally receive. We would also like to thank all the clients at Clifton Lodge who kindly sponsor me every year. Again this year there is a sponsor form at Clifton Lodge for those wishing to help, also you can contact Sue and Colin on 623604.

Sue Wears

Sedgefield Blues Club

As I see it, the Blues Club have a serious problem. How on earth do they better the gig by Lightning Willie and the Poor Boys. He came to town with the biggest blackest stetson you have ever seen and played his heart and soul out to a memorised audience at the Parish Hall. His brand of Railroad Blues took Sedgefield by storm that Friday night. Supported by his 'wing man' Giles King on the harmonica (Google him and you'll find he's up there with the greats) he even sat with the audience to play a couple of songs and tell a couple of stories. At the end of the gig Willie was more than willing to sign CDs and mingle with the crowd, an absolutely fantastic night. Until he returns, and he will, beat that Blues Club

John Tate

I went to the Blues night for the second time on the 11th June. I thought the first one held at the Parish hall was excellent but the second night was superb. Light'nin Willey and the Poor boys were a top class band. Well done to Gary Jacobs and Co. for making the effort, coping with the anxiety and having the courage to bring this form of entertainment to Sedgefield village. The venue is perfect the entertainment is brilliant and the atmosphere is second to none. I can see now how this venue will very quickly become a Gem in the North East the way the Davy Lamp Folk club is in Washington, the Studio in Church Street Hartlepool and the Tyneside Irish Centre in Newcastle. If you have not been yet and love the blues not to mention the opportunity to see local talent which has become a feature of the club, get there by any means you can. The tickets are limited and are eagerly snapped up but you can get them if you are quick, it's worth the effort. The beer is lovely but that white wine Gary, is very much a smiley wine, it needs sorting out please, (my wife asked me to say this). Unfortunately the night will be on every three months which is not enough for me but for non blues lovers once every three months disturbs no one unfairly.

Colin Wears

I'd just like to congratulate the Parish Hall for arranging the appearance of Light'nin Willie and his band last Friday (11th May). We'd missed the first ever Blues Night in April, but look forward to going to a lot more. Thank you to the Rock and Blues Club for arranging it, and to the Parish Hall for allowing it to take place.

I just have one suggestion to make - does the photographer have to take quite so many photographs?

Panny Pighills

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