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Sedgefield NEWS

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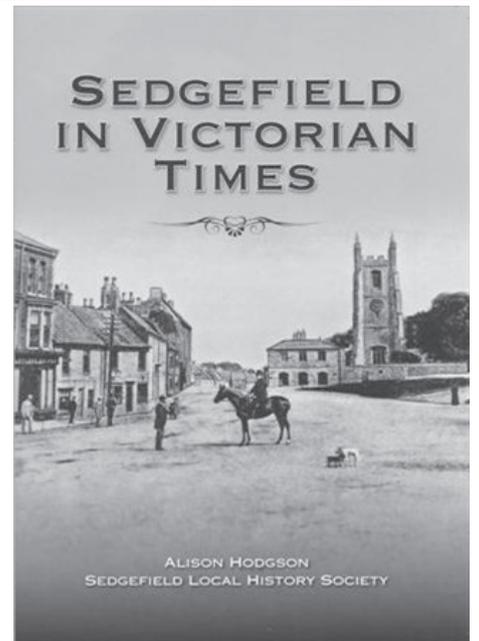


Another 16 page edition, with **Sedgefield Village Games** at its heart



Just a flavour of a beautiful weekend in St Edmund's Church, where the Flower Festival to celebrate Sedgefield 700 attracted lots of admiring visitors.

Many thanks to Julie Latheron for the photograph.



Jubilee Celebrations

Celebrating in style, the Parish Hall over 50s exercise group ate, danced & sang their way through a special jubilee celebration. Red, White & blue food was the dish of the day! There may have been a few extra calories, but the fun, laughter & memories made piling on the pounds worthwhile.



History brought to life

At a book launch in Ceddesfeld Hall, author, Alison Hodgson, gave us a fascinating insight into the journey she had taken in writing this lively account of life in Sedgefield during the reign of Queen Victoria. Having heard her talk, the queue for signed copies very quickly established itself!

Published by the Local History Society, "Sedgefield in Victorian Times" is available at £9.99 from Alison, tel: 01740 620912, or from the Town Council Office, Hardwick Park Visitor Centre and Tickety Boo.



Go for a different gold!

The 159th Sedgefield and District Agricultural Show takes place on Saturday 11th August. Schedules are available around the village, or contact Joanne Martin on 01740 629716 or view online @ sedgefieldshow.co.uk

Gates open at 10am, with car parking free. Marquees open at 12 noon and there's lots to look forward to, including competitions and displays, agricultural classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, small livestock, dog show, dog agility and Classic motorcycles. The cattle and sheep classes make a return this year, along with the heavy horses and a new class for retired race horses. The Show also hosts the Biggest Goat Show in the County!

FUN-FILLED SUMMER WEEKENDS!

Not only is page 15 absolutely chock full of things to do, plus 2 weeks of sport & culture through the Village Games, but there are events every weekend too ...

The 20th Ceddesfeld Beer Festival

Friday 6th July, 7 – 11 pm & Saturday 7th July, 6 – 11 pm,
with music from Lol & Maxine on Saturday evening.

14 real ales, many from small local breweries, & barbecue both nights.

Our first Beer Festival was in July 1993, part of the celebrations for the 200th anniversary of Ceddesfeld Hall. If you missed the previous 19, why not join us this year and enjoy the beer and the fun?

The Musicians of Bremen

Friday 6th & Sat 7th July at 7pm and Sunday 8th July at 2pm

Durham's International Brass Festival comes to Hardwick Park! Don't miss out on seeing leading Swiss theatre company, Nicole and Martin perform the Brothers Grimm story. The folk tale comes alive through colourful story telling, music, dance & breathtaking acrobatics - all in a big top tent. To book please call 621505.

Adult £5, Child £3, Family £15

Sedgefield Blues Club

Parish Hall, Saturday 7th July, with Larry Miller

It's always a sell out but if it slipped your mind, there may be some returns available. Ask in the post office or ring Garry on 07931448469

The Sounds of Summer

Friday & Saturday 13th & 14th July

With a feast of rousing rhythms and cool classics, there's something for all musical tastes at the Sedgefield Lyric Singers' concert. *Details p. 15*

Sedgefield Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 14th July, 1 - 3pm

Games, activities & stalls including toys, books & homemade cakes. BBQ, Pimms tent, tea & coffee. *Everyone welcome.*

Sedgefield Veterans "Spitfire on the Green"

Saturday 21st July 10am-5pm & Sunday 22nd July, 11am-4pm

Get a close look at a replica Spitfire, and have photos taken. More military displays & a fly past by another replica Spitfire on Saturday afternoon after 2pm

The same static displays on Sunday, and mid to late afternoon, fly past by the Memorial Flight, Lancaster Bomber with Spitfire & Hurricane, as they return from Sunderland Air Show.

Also: 1940s Dance on Saturday 21st July from 7pm till 10pm

In the Parish Hall, with a bar, tea & coffee

Tickets £4 each from Council Offices, 621273 or David Hillerby 621343

Ceddesfest 700

Saturday 28th July - gates open 1.30pm

An outdoor community music festival in Ceddesfeld Hall Garden, celebrating Sedgefield 700. Barbecue provided by the scouts and bar open early evening.

Tickets (£20 adults) are selling well but numbers are strictly limited.

Children's free tickets are also limited, so remember it is first come first served.

Enquire at the Post Office, Council Offices, Ceddesfeld Hall bar or you can order by email: garry@ceddesfest700.com Phone: 07931448469, or via the website

www.ceddesfest700 (payment by paypal)

Seventh Annual Sedgefield Folk Festival

30th August – 2nd September

Tickets now on sale from Council Offices & Festival Office at 48 Station Road (call 621347) for concerts in the Parish Hall & St Edmund's Church

Guests performing at the Parish Hall include Elbow Jane, Jez Lowe, the Young 'Uns, Loose Connection, Bernard Wrigley, Stony Band, George Welch and Stewart Hardy, Pete Morton, Judith Haswell and Trish McClean, the John Wrightson Band and Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir, while guests performing at the Parish Church include Marske Fishermen's Choir, Lol & Maxine Crallan, Northumbrian Pipers and Lirica.

This year there's a special **Irish Dance workshop** in the Parish Hall on the Saturday morning run by the Newcastle School of Irish Dance - a free event open to both children and adults. *Plus* all the usual free workshops in Ceddesfeld Hall for those interested in playing the ukulele, violin, pipes and spoons, as well as singarounds in Ceddesfeld Hall, the ever popular World Spoons Championship and the traditional music and songwriting competition.

Full details at www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk

Thank you, Billy & Edith!

The Sedgefield News team would like to thank Billy and Edith Cooper, who have 'delivered us' to some of your homes with unfailing regularity. They started by helping Jean Hull with her round, then after her death, they have continued ever since.

As many of us know, Billy and Edith have devoted themselves to voluntary service and like nothing better than helping people. But now they are not in the best of health and would like to give up their news round.

So we are looking for a volunteer to deliver Sedgefield News to numbers 1-15 Eden Drive.

If you can help, please contact Judith Edgoose on 620244 or email sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com and we'll pass your details on to her.

The Annual Senior Citizens'

Trip to Redcar

on Wednesday 18th July

The coach picks up from Thurlow Grange & Parish Hall at 12-12.15 pm. Cost £3.

Anyone wishing to go, please leave your details at the Post Office or

Town Council Offices, or with Margaret Stewart or Billy Cooper.

Supported by Sedgefield Charities & organised by DIDO, a project of Sedgefield Development Trust

Sedgefield Social Club

New on the Diary page this month is the schedule of Saturday night entertainment at Sedgefield Social Club on Rectory Row/Cross Street.

If you're not a member or never been to the Social Club, maybe the chance to enjoy a sociable evening with some excellent singers will draw you in. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

*It wouldn't be historical Sedgefield without the **Pickled Parson** in a starring rôle. Here he is (in spirit at least!) at the recent Flower Festival*



Sedgefield and District Round Table

Thanks to everyone for your generosity of spirit during Mediaeval Fayre. Despite poor weather we raised almost £500 towards local good causes, most of it on the ducking stool. I've never been so cold in my life; I could not feel my skin!

Also in May, our own Carl Arnott was elected Vice-Chairman of Round Table Area 10 (South Durham & North Yorkshire). It's a

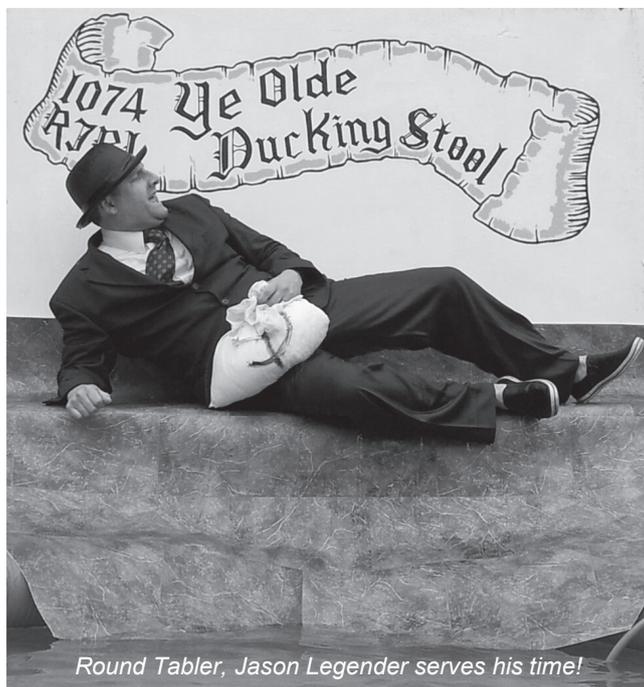


Carl Arnott (left) with Area Chairman, Mark Rycraft (Hartlepool Round Table)

few years since Sedgefield Tablers were involved in the wider organisation and we wish him good luck this year and next.

Round Table always welcomes new members, so if you are under 45, community spirited and don't mind having a couple of midweek pints once a fortnight, then Round Table could be for you.

Details on the Regular Events on p 15.
Rob Moran



Round Tabler, Jason Legender serves his time!

... a 'local' shortage of generosity?

Members of the Mediaeval Fayre Committee at Sedgefield Community Association feel it's time to dispel one of those entrenched local myths! This particular myth concerns the belief that donations are received from all the local pubs for whom Mediaeval Fayre Day provides such a huge windfall.

If you are labouring under this delusion, please think again, because, with one notable and generous exception - Geoff Raynor of the Dun Cow - no contributions have been forthcoming. The village hostellers take thousands of pounds extra to normal business on Fayre day, but every year the committee's appeal for support goes unheeded. Cynical profiteering or simply thoughtlessness? Let's be generous spirited and plump for the latter!

Heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to those businesses who gain absolutely nothing from the Fayre, but who contribute anyway.

Dog poo

Sedgefield Primary School is very concerned, as a Health and Safety issue for pupils, about the local residents who are allowing their dogs to use the school field as a toilet.



There are now collection boxes on the path at both ends of the school field, so there seems no reason, other than selfishness and lack of community spirit, why these droppings cannot be collected and deposited in the boxes. Our Caretaker has now had to extend his morning round of the school grounds to deal with this nuisance on a daily basis.

If you regularly use either of the paths around the school field, we ask for your vigilance in reporting any stray dogs (and their owners!) to the school.

Tel: 01740 620359. Thank you!

Sedgefield in Bloom

Northumbria in Bloom judges visit Sedgefield on July 16, followed by Britain in Bloom on August 1st. Gardeners Stephen Young and Roy Cairns, assisted by handyman Ian Gray, have been working hard to prepare colourful flower beds on the village greens. This year, all the displays reflect the various celebrations Sedgefield has enjoyed in 2012. Seen here, the Jubilee bed reflects the Diamond Jubilee Rose Garden, created by Bloomers in front of the Manor House opposite. Nearby, the Bloom Beacon bed marks the London Olympics, our own village games and the passing of the torch through Sedgefield. In Rectory Row, the Charter Bed commemorates the granting of the market charter in 1312. On the church bank, the Sedgefield 700 bed is the brainchild of Bloomer Peter Cawson, responsible, in association with the rest of the team, for the design, construction and planting of the bed. Recently, the team placed a fountain of hanging baskets outside the Golden Lion and colourful plant troughs along the handrail outside the social club.



Left, handyman, Ian Gray, with Sedgefield gardener, Stephen Young

Chairman Howard Smith said, 'Sedgefield in Bloom is all about community. Our gardeners, the Bloomers, primary school children, College students, local businesses, sponsors and community groups all play a part in making Sedgefield such a lovely place.' Anyone wanting to give a hand can call in at the council offices or join the Bloomers at the lych gate at 10am every Wednesday.

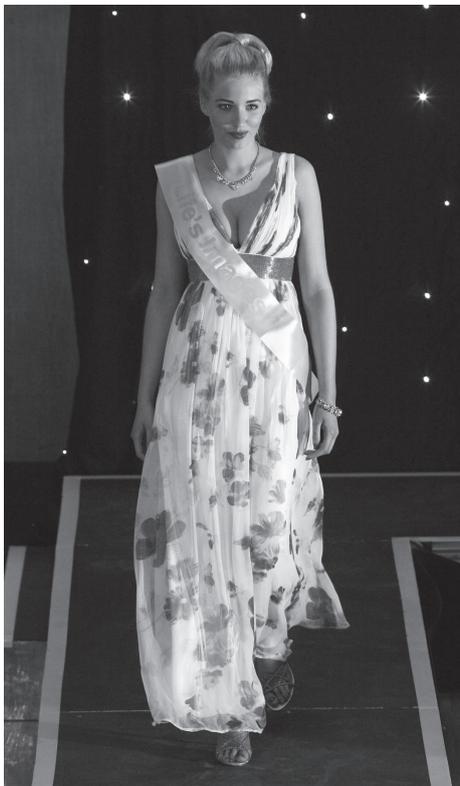
Racecourse hosts Beauty Pageant

The final of the Miss Durham beauty pageant took place at Sedgefield Racecourse at the end of March. Seventeen girls battled it out to be crowned the region's most lovely lady, over 3 rounds themed around a day at the races, fancy dress & evening wear. The finalists were first whittled down to ten, after which a question round decided on first, second & third places.

Winner, Eleanor Ryan, now goes on to represent the county, competing for the title of Miss England. Winning there would give her the chance of a place in Miss World, the most famous beauty pageant on the planet with a \$100,000 prize up for grabs!

The final was conducted in front of an audience, and external judges included Diane Brotherton from Diva Beauty Salon, Richard Fernside, Mementos Photography, Justin Messenger, Elliott Uk & Carly Auld, runner up for Miss Durham 2011. This was the 8th Year in which the Miss Durham Event has been run at Sedgefield Racecourse and the competition raised over £1.2k for the ABF Soldiers' Charity.

Miss Durham 2012



Eleanor Ryan

Dates for your Diary!

Also in aid of the ABF charity are 3 events at Sedgefield Racecourse

The Game & Country Fair

Saturday 21st July

Salute our Heroes Raceday

Thursday 6th September

Cycle Challenge

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September

Let's Get Britain Racing

Sedgefield Racecourse is also participating in a 3 month campaign designed to encourage people who have never been racing to try it for the first time. They can come racing for just £10 - and it's great value for existing racing fans too.

Running at Sedgefield's 16 sister racecourses around the country, Let's Get Britain Racing will see more than 100,000 £10 tickets offered across England and Wales. Highlights of Sedgefield's summer racing calendar include Ladies Evening, on Tuesday 28th August featuring a Lady Gaga tribute act. The £10 offer is only available online and in advance.

For more information, visit

www.come-racing.co.uk

Golden day for youngsters

Pictured left are the staff & some very excited children aged 1-4years, from the House Of Eden Children's Nursery at Fishburn. They had a visit from an Olympic torch bearer Robert Ellis, who came to compare the Olympic torch with those that the children had made.



On the right, the children of Sedgefield Junior Harriers snake through Hardwick Park as they enjoy a moment of glory with coach, Scott Hydon's Olympic torch.



Sun shines on Friends!

Well, weren't we lucky with the weather? On a beautiful sunny May afternoon, the Strawberries and Champagne event was held in the garden of Jimmy and Mary Seymour in The Lane. Everyone enjoyed their champagne and strawberries and had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets and purchase from a lovely array of scarves and handbags. Most people sat chatting in the sunshine well into the late afternoon (see left).

We are delighted to announce that £1200 was raised towards the Church lighting fund; our thanks must go to all of you who came and contributed towards this marvellous total.

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls held their AGM and presentation evening in Ceddesfeld Hall on Thursday 10th of May followed by a buffet supper. Mrs Pat Hudson won the club competition and was presented with her trophy by Chairman Norman Teanby. The club competes in the Durham County Community Carpet Bowls Summer and Winter Leagues but enjoys informal practice mornings in Ceddesfeld Hall main hall every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30 - 12.00. In the winter season we also play Sunday and Monday afternoons. New members are always welcome so why drop in and enjoy a tea or a coffee with us and try out your bowling skills. Members play at competition level or just for fun and healthy exercise.



Player of the Year Pat Hudson receives her trophy from Norman Teanby



Marie, 2nd right, with some of her young 'Wiggle's'

National recognition for Sedgefield business

Wiggle's, run by village mum, Marie Walker, has been nominated for a national award. Offering music and dance based activities to toddlers and pre-school children, Marie's business has been short listed as one of the nation's 'best pre-school club or class' by the users of Netmums.com.

With over 1.2 million members and five million visits every month, Netmums is the UK's biggest parenting website. The Netmums Awards are held every year and recognise best practice throughout the UK. The nomination was a great fifth birthday present for Wiggle's, which has grown from one weekly class in the town to three, plus two classes in Darlington, one in Durham and one in Stockton.

Marie is also a qualified coach with Sedgefield Harriers, and she has been delighted to find Wiggle's 'graduates', having learned to love exercise at least in part from her class, taking up athletics with the club!

Gardening grants

The North of England Horticultural Society (NEHS) has a grant scheme for voluntary and community organisations in the North of England for community gardening projects and activities. Funding is for gardening projects and activities in the community. Grants of £100 - £2,000 are available.

Newly formed groups that do not have accounts can only apply for up to £500.

Deadline for applications: 5pm, 31 July & 30 November
www.flowershow.org.uk

SPORTS UPDATE

with Sports Editor, **Chris Lines**

In less than a month's time, the London 2012 Olympic Games will begin, a moment that sports fans in this country have been anticipating for seven years. As I type this, the GB athletics trials are underway in Birmingham. Athletes who have been dedicating themselves to qualify for the biggest sporting event on the planet will be straining at the sinews to secure their places in the team. Inevitably, trials like this result in a lot of joy and a lot of distress, and unsurprisingly, the tension is particularly high this year. That makes it compelling viewing!

Within the full GB Olympics team there should be a few men and women from the North East, including table tennis star Paul Drinkhall, 1,500m runners Laura Weightman and Ross Murray, and long jumper Chris Tomlinson. Here in Sedgefield, we have been using London 2012 as the inspiration for our own Village Games (see the supplement in the centre of the newsletter). As well as being great fun, the hope is that the Village Games will encourage a lot of young people to participate more regularly in a range of sports. So, when we start to look forward to future Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, perhaps the North East representation on the GB team will include a few more stars from Sedgefield.

Olympic Torch Relay

Although not a sporting event in itself, it was a major part of the build up to the biggest one on the planet, and Sedgefield can be proud of the role that it played in it. A crowd of around 10,000 welcomed the Olympic Torch relay to the village, which Durham Police reckoned was the biggest turnout in the region in terms of people per square metre. That's what they said anyway and given the density of the crowds in the centre of Sedgefield on 17th June, it rings true.

Of course, as Sedgefield News has already reported, village resident Ryan Davey was one of the torchbearers here, but he wasn't the only one from Sedgefield. The day before, Sedgefield Harriers' own Scott Hydon carried the torch in Sunderland, in recognition of the work he has done to establish the club over the last seven years. That same afternoon, he invited junior (and senior) Harriers to join him in a mini-relay around Hardwick Park that gave scores of youngsters (and the not quite so young!) the opportunity to run with an Olympic Torch. It was a really generous gesture, and everyone who took part had a fantastic time – the perfect warm up for the official relay.

There a photo of the children on page 4

Sedgefield Junior Harriers' Magnificent May

April 2012 was a landmark month in Sedgefield Junior Harriers history. The month saw the Harriers compete in the Cyril Elliott and Anne-Marie Readshaw Open Medal meetings at Middlesbrough and Shildon, and the first Minor Athletics Meeting (MAL) of the season at Gateshead. In total, 28 medals were won across the three meetings, with record hauls for Sedgefield on each date. If anything, May proved to be even better. In the second 2012 MAL fixture at Gateshead, Sedgefield claimed 11 medals across the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 categories (see Junior Results on the website). This was four more medals than were won in the same competition in April. A trio of athletes also competed in the first North Yorkshire/South Durham (NYSD) fixture of the month at Darlington, with George Pilkington, Abie Hearmon and younger brother Tom all achieving top three places in their respective track events. The throws group made Harriers history by being the first Sedgefield field eventers to take part in the North East Athletics League (NEAL) on May 23rd. Seven of the group competed in the shot at Monkton with three athletes - Kate Carmichael, Joe Bellis and Megan Devine - all achieving top three places. The other throwers making history were Zoe Dobson, Joseph Devine, Ryan Fleetham and Lucy Robertshaw. Zoe also competed the following week, in the second May NYSD league fixture, this time in the U15 girls discus. Zoe took the first ever 1st place for Sedgefield in a discus event.

The highlight of the month saw Sedgefield retain the County Durham Athletics Network Quadkids Shield with 54 athletes from Year 3 through to Year 8 turning out for Sedgefield at Maiden Castle. The Harriers dominated the competition taking 36 of the available 72 top three places across the different age groups and winning 12 medals each at U11, U13 and U15 levels (see the Sedgefield Secure Shield Success report on the website).

Such was the turnout of young athletes at Maiden Castle that it means the Junior Harriers have now had 67 juniors compete in one or more track and field meetings in 2012, with 31 of them achieving at least one top three placing so far this season. By the end of May, an incredible total of 83 top three places had been achieved in sprints, middle-distance, jumps and throws in this track and field season. With the Sedgefield Junior Harriers competing at more MAL, NYSD and NEAL meetings over the summer it's possible that the club's young athletes may break the 100 barrier!

A list of all the competing athletes and their achievements will appear on the Harriers website (www.sedgefieldharriers.com) in early September as part of a track and field season review.

Badminton

Not featured often on this page, badminton is one of the great racket sports on offer in Sedgefield.

A very social group meets weekly to play at Sedgefield Community College. It's a fast moving game and a great way to get active and fit.

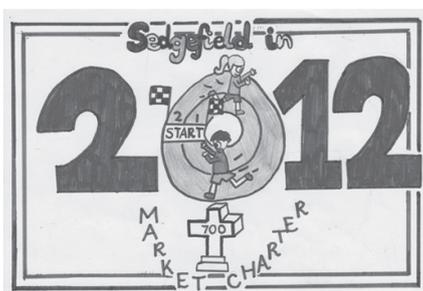
New players are always welcome – call Jeff Wragg on **622711** for more details.

Cricket

In the North Yorkshire South Durham premier division, Sedgefield's 1st team are consistently competitive, with almost all games going down to the wire. Since last month's report, they have managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory at Guisborough and last year's champions, Marton. However, Sedgefield also showed amazing character to tie with Normanby Hall. Professionals Steve Naylor and Mohamed Zahid continue to star with the ball and Chris Gillespie has excelled with the bat. The weather has denied the 2nd team of any play in seven games so far this season; in the four games where there has been some play, Sedgefield have recorded crushing victories over Blackhall, Preston, Yarm and Bishop Auckland. The team sit second in the league. Mal Dickenson leads the way in the batting and Ben Young continues to take wickets with the new ball. Only three games have seen any action in the Sunday division 2, where Sedgefield's young 3rd team have won two, drawn one, leaving them in a handy position to fight for promotion when the rain stops! Luke Henderson and James Kemp have both scored heavily with the bat and James Bell leads in the wicket taking.

So, it's been quite a sporting month (loads happening in and around Sedgefield, plus Euro 2012, the US Open in golf and French Open in tennis) and the next couple are going to be amazing.

As ever, if you have any sports news, send it to chrislines@aol.com.



The Sedgefield Village Games

17th June - 11th July

A community celebration



Immediately after the Olympic Torch relay visited the village on 17th June, the Sedgefield Village Games were opened by Princess Elena amidst great fanfare. Representatives of all participating organisations were presented with special flags to fly during the events that they agreed to host.



The Sedgefield Village Games offer a comprehensive programme of sporting and cultural events, designed to encourage young people to try out new activities. Inspired by the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, this community initiative hopes to give participants a lasting love of active sport, creating a lasting legacy for London 2012 here in Sedgefield.

The Village Games themselves kicked off with equally successful sporting and cultural events. On 17th June, Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir teamed up with choirs from the two primary schools and a dance group from the community college to put on a hugely successful concert in Ceddesfeld Hall. Two days later, over 30 youngsters enjoyed a great coaching session provided by Sedgefield Rugby Club. And then the events just kept on coming. There are still several that you can participate in, leading up to the grand finale and closing ceremony on 11th July (see overleaf).



Tuesday 3 July

ARCHERY

Sedgefield Cricket Club: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Hosted by 1st Sedgefield Scouts
An adult will need to accompany each child
Contact: Sallie Hughes: **07769 261769**

GOLF

Sedgefield Cricket Club: 6.30pm-8.00pm
Hosted by Gordon Cattrell PGA
Contact: Sallie Hughes: 07769 261769



Wednesday 4 July

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Sedgefield Community College: 6.15pm – 8.00pm
Sedgefield Harriers are organising a series of running, jumping, throwing and agility events.
All children from year 3 upwards are welcome
Contact: Marie Walker: **07708 415167**

Thursday 5 July

SENIOR ATHLETICS

NETPark: 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Hosted by the Sedgefield Harriers, a coached running session for people of all abilities - all welcome
Contact: Ean Parsons: **07771 828568**



Saturday 7 July

SQUASH

**Sedgefield Squash Club: 9-11.am (11-16yrs)
11am-1pm (under 11s)**
Racket and ball skills, practice games - equipment provided but please bring a clean pair of trainers
Contact: Simon Hill: **07776 314450**

parkrun

Hardwick Park: 9.00hrs
A 5K run or walk for all the family - come dressed as your favourite Olympian, or just turn up as you are!
Please register for free at www.parkrun.org.uk.



Sunday 8 July

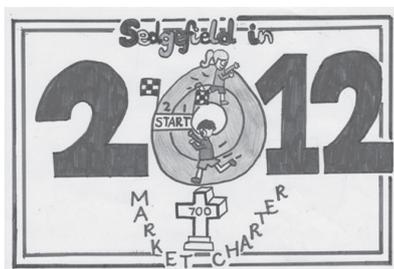
FAMILY FUN & GAMES

Cricket Club 12.30-5.00pm
All sorts of fun social activities and challenges for the family - too many to mention! Bar & BBQ (or bring a picnic), and Bishop FM roadshow. **Full details on page 10**

“SINGING TOGETHER”

Ceddesfeld Hall – 6pm
Joint concert from Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir & Sedgefield Hardwick School. Admission £3. Tickets from Hardwick School or Kristen Peacock (07572 121443)

All sports sessions are free – just turn-up, dressed appropriately and give it a go. No experience is necessary!



Sedgefield Harriers

Running Club sedgefieldharriers.com

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Grand Finale and C

Wednesday 11th Ju

Time (pm)		Main Display Area
6.00 - 6.05	Opening Performance	North Tyneside Steel Band (on cobbled area)
6.05 - 6.15	Opening Performance	Kdanz
6.15 - 6.25	Torchbearers Presentations	John Robinson, Mayor
6.25 - 6.35	Official Closing of Village Games	John Robinson, Mayor Ean Parsons, Chair Sedgefield Village Games
6.35 - 6.45		Wigglets
6.45 - 6.50		Sedgefield Mini Harriers
6.50 - 7.00		Brownies followed by North Tyneside Steel Band (on cobbled area)
7.00 - 7.10		Kdanz
7.10 - 7.20	Awards	First awards ceremony - Hays Travel Performance Awards & club/organisation certificates to Sedgefield Community College, Wigglets, Football, Bowls, Golf, Sedgefield Primary, Hardwick Primary, Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir, District Wind Band
7.20 - 7.30		Sedgefield Community College Dance Group
7.30 - 7.40		Sedgefield Squash Club
7.40 - 7.50		Sedgefield Tennis Club
7.50 - 8.00		Scouts
8.00 - 8.10		Sedgefield Harriers
8.10 - 8.20		Karate
8.20 - 8.30		Zumba
8.30 - 8.35	Closing Performance	North Tyneside Steel Band (on cobbled area)
8.35 - 8.45	Closing Performance	Kdanz
8.44 - 9.00	Awards and Good Night	Second awards ceremony - Hays Travel Performance Awards & club/organisation certificates to Squash, Tennis, Rugby, Boxing, Cricket, Harriers, Zumba, Karate, Scouts.

Village Games

Closing Ceremony

Friday, 6.00pm - 9.00pm



Second Display Area
Martin Gray Football Academy
Martin Gray Football Academy
PGA Golf
PGA Golf
Sedgefield Cricket Club
Sedgefield Cricket Club
South Durham Amateur Boxing Club
South Durham Amateur Boxing Club
Sedgefield Rugby Club
Sedgefield Rugby Club
For the latest news and information about the Sedgefield Village Games, keep an eye on: www.sedgefieldgames.com www.facebook.com/sedgefieldvillagegames www.twitter.com/sedgefieldgames
 

A fitting finale

The grand finale of the Sedgefield Village Games will be a huge celebration of a great community event. Earlier on the same day, Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, will visit Sedgefield to mark the 700th anniversary of the village receiving its market charter.

The Princess Royal will also meet representatives from the Sedgefield Village Games organising committee and some of the young people who have participated in the many events. And so it will be that both the opening and closing of the games will have been marked by a royal visit.

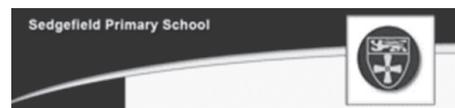
The official closing celebrations will kick off at 6.00pm on the village green with performances by North Tyneside Steel Band and Kdanz dance group, marking the start of three hours of entertainment, sporting demonstrations, presentations and general fun and games.

Throughout the evening, Darlington West Indian Association will provide food, dance and music of a distinctly Caribbean flavour, while the Crosshills pub will be hosting an 'open mic' music night with an Olympics theme.

Elsewhere a BBQ will offer another option for anyone who is hungry.

The centre of the village will be transformed into a dynamic arena where sport, dance and music will combine to create a fantastic party atmosphere. There will be displays and demonstrations from all of the organisations that have been involved in and contributed to the Sedgefield Village Games.

During the evening, a series of performance awards will be presented to individuals or groups, nominated by each club or society that has been involved in the Sedgefield Village Games. These awards have been very



Wigglets





Family Fun & Games Afternoon Sedgefield Cricket Club Sunday 8th July, 12.30pm - 5.30pm



A free social event for the whole family

Sure to be one of the highlights of the Sedgefield Village Games, the Family Fun & Games Afternoon will be hosted by Sedgefield Cricket Club. This event is all about the social side of the Games, giving people the chance to get together in a relaxed setting and enjoy an afternoon of various sports and other activities. The cricket club bar will be open and a BBQ will be fired up, but bring a picnic if that's what you'd prefer.

There will be a big selection of sports equipment on hand for people to grab and try out, including cricket, football, volleyball, various athletics events, badminton, Frisbee, rounders and more. A few light hearted events will be organised during the day, including 'hoy the welly', caber toss and a family seven-legged race.

Although the emphasis will be on fun rather than competition, some great prizes will be awarded on the day!

There will also be some indoor games (chess, cards, dominos and more) to try out for those who don't want to run around.

The event will run all afternoon (you can dip in and out as you choose) and it is *free* to attend.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the Family Fun & Games Afternoon by the Bishop FM Roadshow, which will be broadcasting from the event.

Sedgefield Village Games in the media

The Sedgefield Village Games have attracted a fair bit of local media attention. The Northern Echo printed a great article about the launch of the games and mentioned them in Olympic Torch relay coverage too. BBC Radio Tees has broadcast two fairly long interviews all about the Village Games and been very supportive.

Our biggest media partner is local community radio station Bishop FM, which has been covering the games from the start, interviewing representatives from many of the organisations that are involved and including regular updates in programmes on a daily basis.

The station is run entirely by volunteers and you can tune in on 105.9FM.

Many of the Village Games interviews are available to hear online at www.bishopfm.com



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To see all the latest photos, videos and news from the Sedgefield Village Games visit www.sedgefieldgames.com

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



Notes from the Meeting held on 12th June 2012

Prior to the meeting proper, Chair, David Hillerby informed members of past Treasurer & real "gentleman" John Fawcett's sad change of circumstance. He is now living in Willowdene; hopefully someone may find time to visit him soon. The continued absence of Ken Saiger was felt by David, who along with all present wish Ken well and a steady recovery.

The cheque from outgoing Mayor Allan Blakemore for £150 was appreciatively received by members who commented on how good Allan has been not only for NHW but for the whole village during his period of Mayor. Allan's regular attendance as a Town Council representative at NHWatch meetings was also positively appreciated.

Neil Langthorne confirmed that our group is still covered with Insurance & that the policy is now from Towergate insurance. Neil informed members that Towergate are discounting domestic policies to **NHW Members** by 10%, but stressed he was not making any recommendations, merely informing members. Neil gave details of a stand-alone security device; Passive type Detector. It can auto dial up to 3 separate tel. nos. when activated; it is relatively low cost (poss. as low as £15). Anyone interested, contact Neil or come to next meeting.

PC Keith Todd circulated his Crime report for 13/04/2012 – 30/05/2012. There were **8 Recorded Crimes**. 253 calls were made to the Police during this period, 92 related to Traffic, 8 to the Recorded Crimes and 13 for Anti-Social Behaviour.

During **PACT** Keith discussed the previous month's activities, informing that the Speed Matrix sign had been used on 7 separate occasions resulting in 15 warning letters sent out, 11 to village residents! It was acknowledged that the St Edmund's Terrace parking problems had been much improved.

New Issues raised: Front St/Cross St. Parking (obscuration danger); Rectory Row Parking; Counterfeit Pound Coins and Traffic Calming Motoring Issues with Speeding on Durham Road. Keith agreed as a priority to tackle Durham Rd traffic calming area and to arrange some Police visits to coincide with schools crossing times. **Next Public Meeting - Tuesday 14th August**

Local Police: 101 (Try to keep notes & get an incident number). Calls are 15p

Durham County Council Wardens: 0300 123 70 70

Community Liaison Officer, Neil Langthorne: 01325 742755

Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Pheasant: 01325 742714

Sedgefield Town Council: 621273

Community Lawyers: 07899 022 133

Jottings

There was no meeting of the Forum in June. Next meeting: July 2nd, 7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Here is a brief update on some issues.

We hope to have further information on the Section 106 monies owed to our village by Durham County Council and the promised consultation with residents in the area concerned for our next meeting in July. It really is a protracted and difficult task to get what should be simple information, but we will keep trying. As reported last month, the Sedgefield Together Group and Town Council have sent in a response to the County Durham Plan (proposed housing development for the village) based on the open consultation meetings they had held in the village. It is an excellent and comprehensive letter representing feedback of resident views given at those meetings. We would once again emphasise if you want your views to be put forward you really need to attend consultation events when the opportunity arises. There will be further consultation opportunities in September.

We have circulated an email giving information on the meeting taking place on 22nd June at County Hall where the issue of Parking charges at Hardwick Country Park will be decided. Remember you can receive information and minutes of Forum issues and indeed other village information by giving your email address to jane@sedgefield.net

The Area Action Partnership is holding an event where residents can vote on some funding applications. There have been many applications submitted from across the AAP area, some from our village organisations. It is really important that people from Sedgefield get along to vote for our local projects otherwise our village organisations will lose out, so here is the information about the event:

It's Up 2 U

Saturday 21 July at the Active Life Centre, Coxhoe (formerly Leisure Centre)

More information from the AAP team (see contact details right).

Registration from 9.30am - 1.30pm Voting open 10am - 2pm.

Results announced at 3pm. Promotion of other AAP projects will take place throughout the day. For contact details, see right.

PC Todd

The (wet) summer is here and people are looking forward to their holidays. I don't want to put a dampener on things but can I remind folk that criminals don't take holidays.

Recently on the outskirts of Sedgefield a property was visited whilst the owners were away and the intruders helped themselves to a ride on lawnmower. Other recent crimes include a Garage Burglary in Spring Lane where a Whacker plate and other tools were taken.

A shop window was damaged on the high street and a car damaged in Lambton Crescent. Two metal industrial bins were taken from the Travelodge and two males were disturbed on the roof of a bungalow in Wykes Close. One male was later arrested for theft of lead.

I am seeking the owners of two pedal bikes one blue and one pink which were found abandoned in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall. Could the owner please contact me at Sedgefield police office.

P.A.C.T.

At a recent neighbourhood and Crime watch meeting it was agreed that the Police Beat Team would focus their attentions on the increasing problems surrounding the Durham road area in particular speeding vehicles through the traffic calming measures already in place. You have been warned.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Hope Inn where the new licensee Lindsey Charlton was welcomed as was PCSO Samantha Level who has taken over the role of Police licensing officer from PCSO Helen Robson. One incident was reported which may require further attention from pub watch members after police have concluded their investigations into a disturbance at the Black Lion.

The person(s) who put themselves at risk to pinch the Union flag from the Nag's Head should feel ashamed! I am sure that Neil and Julie would have let you borrow the flag for any celebrations you had planned, or pointed you in the direction of a shop where you could purchase one yourself, you moron!!!

Until next time, Keith

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July Events Diary

July in the Library

For times and dates of regular events and sessions, please call the library on 01740 620103

Sedgefield Social Club

Saturday 30th June

Sheryl Austin, Singer

Saturday 14th July

Maggie Newman Vocalist

Saturday 21st July

Michelle May Vocalist

Saturday 28th July

Ray Denton Vocalist

There is a cover charge of £1.50

Members & guests welcome

Concert Room available for functions

Tel: 01740 620591 to book

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 1st July

On the village green

Eddies@4

Sunday 1st July

Informal service for 2-6 year olds

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's

Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Local History Society

Monday 2nd July

7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Fred Hay: The History of the Wireless

Residents' Forum

Monday 2nd July

7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 3rd July

7.30pm at Ceddesfeld Hall

Summer Herbacious Plants

by Howard Leslie

All welcome

East Durham

Play & Community Network

Wednesday 4th July

Annual General Meeting at 6pm

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 4th July

7.15pm in the Parish Hall

Floral Demonstration by Beverley Wright

Members' competition - a flower from your garden. Floral arrangements raffled on the night. Visitors very welcome - the £2.50 fee includes refreshments

Country Market

Friday 6th July

Parish Hall 9.30 -11am

Tea, Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts & plants

Music in St. Edmund's

Saturday 7th July, 2pm - 4pm

Cream Teas & Jazz with

The Alex Ord Trio. Tickets: £7

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 8th & 22nd July

1pm Ceddesfeld Hall.

All levels welcome.

Contact 01642 588197

SLYC & the Hardwick Primary School Choir

A showcase of musical talent!

Sunday 8th July at 6pm

in Ceddesfeld Hall. Tickets: £3

Contact: Kristen 07572121443 or

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School

Sounds of Summer

with Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th July

7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets £5 (£4 u16), from Tickety Boo,

Audrey Lofthouse; 620625, or members

Picnic

Sedgefield Churches Together

Sunday 15th July

11am-2pm at Ceddesfeld Hall (inside if

wet). Bring your own food. For more

details contact P Lamb 621251 or

J King 62010?

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 17th July

7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Members' evening with faith supper &

Something for Nothing -

a demonstration by Val Guest

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Thursday 19th July

Meet in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7pm

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 26th July

8pm in the Nag's Head

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee morning

Friday July 27th

9.30 -11.30am

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

PLUS: Advance notice - September 21st

The BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support,

also in the Parish Hall

Family History Group

No meetings in July or August

This service is free to non-commercial organisations

Hardwick Park in July

Den Building: Sunday 1st July

10am - 12noon & 1 - 3pm

£5 each or £15 per family

History of Hardwick Park with Photo Opportunities: Wed 4th July
1.30-3.30pm

£4 adults, £10 family. Under 5s free

Art Walk; taking a line for a walk

Sat 14th July, 10 am- 12noon

£4 adults, £10 family. Under 5s free

Wildlife photography for beginners: Sunday 15th July,

9.30am-4.30pm. £25 inc. light lunch & refreshments

To book tickets or find out about more activities, call 01740 621505, or pick up a full programme at the Visitor Centre

Regular Events

Bridge Club

Meets every Sunday & Tuesday at 7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. For more information call Jen - 01740 620434

Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday walks, from 5 - 10 miles. Contact 620034 or 620434

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls Club

Meets every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30 - 12.00 in Ceddesfeld Hall. Tea, coffee, conversation & healthy exercise. Beginners welcome. For more info call Sheila on 622532

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Ceddesfeld Hall

Join us for Tea or Coffee and biscuits on

Tuesdays 9.30 - 12; Wednesdays 10 - 12.30

Thursdays 1 - 3.30

Sedgefield Playgroup

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

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall

(First week of month - Monday)

Beginners welcome, contact 621292

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm, Nag's Head

New members welcome.

Call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

Sporting, social and charitable events. 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members welcome. Contact Rob on 629079

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip!

Fridays 9.30am - 12noon

Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

Ready Steady Grow

At Sedgefield Methodist Church., term time Fridays, 9.30-10.30am. For Parents, Carers & Children. Crafts, Songs, Bible stories, Refreshments. Call Margaret Glass; 621618

Lyrics Choirs

Restarting in September, both choirs welcome new members, on Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall: from 8-18yrs at 6pm; Adults 7.30pm

As well as sending in your meeting details for August, please let us know if your group is NOT meeting during the holiday. Thinking ahead to September, if you have a calendar of events for the year, please send us a hard copy or email a file in good time.

Your Letters

Foodstore windfall

As readers will be aware, planning permission has recently been granted for a new foodstore in Sedgefield. After taking a pragmatic view that the foodstore would be likely to get the go-ahead, Sedgefield Harriers campaigned and lobbied hard throughout the planning process to ensure that the community would receive some wider benefit from the planned foodstore through investment in local projects, and in particular the installation of an athletics track (and associated sports club house) at Sedgefield Community College for the benefit of the local community and the college.

The club feel that an athletics track with additional features added in the future (sports club-house to benefit all sports clubs, and changing facilities) would have a positive impact on youth in Sedgefield. The club already has as many as 200 young people involved in sport as well as a senior group of 70. The foodstore developer was unable to commit to funding the facility in its entirety, though they have agreed to allocate significant funds to the Town Council to invest on projects they decide on.

Despite lobbying, despite the positive impact on youth of a sports facility at a time when local leisure centres have closed and despite the fact that the Harriers have led the way in ensuring that there is community investment as a result of the foodstore, it appears that the athletics track project is being ignored. Despite a lot of hard work and financial support for a feasibility study, it is not even mentioned in the Annual Report of the Town Council for the past year. Sedgefield Harriers is currently UK Athletics Club of the Year and England Athletics Development Club of the Year; national awards made in recognition of the work done with young people.

We will not rest until we have achieved our goal of having a first class athletics facility in Sedgefield. If the Town Council are not predisposed to support the track project then perhaps we can expect a reply here to explain what the foodstore windfall will be spent on and the comparative merits of the projects involved.

Ean Parsons

Chair, Sedgefield Harriers

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Here's to the Blooming team

With reference to the 'seeming desecration of the church bank side', (June edition), a good job often takes a lot of preparation which in turn, takes time and requires a little patience! The Bloomer responsible was very methodical in his work. The space available for the '700' display was calculated and accurate scale drawings made. Due to the severity of the slope and the possibility of gravitational slip, it was decided to place the display within wooden retaining frames. From the drawings the number of red, white and blue flowers needed was calculated and these were ordered. The retaining structures were constructed at home by the afore-mentioned Bloomer. To ease planting, and avoid slippage he decided that the flowers be planted into open topped, rectangular 'chicken' wire containers lined with newspaper to help avoid drying out. Supporting frames were readied and, during the hottest week of the year, installed ... how it was done in that heat I don't know! The beds were readied, plants delivered and individually transferred into its designated pre prepared container. Now the red 700 and the white and blue borders are showing through beautifully.

Am I the Bloomer? No! Am I one of the Blooming team? No! Am I related to a Bloomer? No! Just happened to be passing one hot day and noticed these retired, pleasant, hard working people slaving away, so I asked what they were doing.

Congratulations to all! What a good team Stephen, Roy & the Bloomers make!
H Buxton

Fight!! I hear Harry Hill shout, and from one corner appears a huge sunflower (a Bloomer) and the other corner a giant spade (a Council Gardener). But they don't fight, they complement and compliment each other.

With the dedication of paid and voluntary workers we have a lovely village to be proud of. Keep up the good work and don't allow anyone to upset the wheel-barrow! After all what would Princess Anne think if she knew about our little drama? It smacks of an episode of the Archers!

Maureen Legender

Why Anomymous?

I am not qualified to take sides in the argument and I understand that your correspondent, writing about the relative contribution of paid employees and volunteers (a not infrequent problem in organisations where volunteers play a crucial role), feels strongly about this and other matters related to Sedgefield in Bloom. However, I cannot understand why he or she asked, and was allowed, to remain anonymous, since this suggests an unwillingness to stand by these views publicly. May the readers of your invaluable publication know what were the grounds for this request and the decision to allow it?

Eileen Wormald

We were not given a reason on this occasion; sometimes it is obvious, other times not. But our policy is to allow anonymity only if we are given full contact details. We sometimes advise correspondents to allow themselves to be named and once or twice we have refused to publish without consent to name. Editor.

Sculpture designer

In a recent copy of the News it was stated that the person doing the sculpture for the new memorial was the same person who designed the sculpture to commemorate the Ball Game. David Franks was mason who did the work, but in point of fact, the design was the work of Brian Sutherland. Just to put the record straight.

Alan Heyhurst

Christian Aid thanks the people of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon

A final total of £3566.20 was raised during Christian Aid Week, further increased by approximately £313 as a result of Gift Aid. Your generous donations will be used to help improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Thanks also to our dedicated collectors. After delivering envelopes, they call back twice but cannot always catch everyone in. We are sorry if your envelope was not collected. Thanks to all who brought theirs to us.

David & Margaret Glass

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