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Sedgefield Village Veterans pull out the stops for Spitfire on the Green

Despite a disappointing turnout for June's Crimean War Re-enactment weekend, the Veterans are busy again. As this paper is being distributed they are out on the Green again, this time for a first World War event to celebrate Armed Forces Day, on 29th & 30th June. Then, scarcely pausing for breath, they are back with a second Spitfire on the Green 1940s weekend from 19th - 21st July. Last year's first Spitfire event caused astonishment in the High Street as people realised what was going on, but this time we can anticipate it with pleasure and get out in time to support the event. Alongside the Spitfire will be an Auster spotter plane and an extensive selection of Military Vehicles. Re-enactment groups will be on hand to share their knowledge of both military and civilian experiences, with discussions and demonstrations throughout. So join the veterans for a weekend recalling the memories, daily life, music and style of the forties!



The scene on the green at last year's event

There's a prize for the best civilian and military dress for adults and children, so pull out your glad rags and dress to impress! We encourage everyone to get behind this event which can become a mainstay of our activities calendar, bringing visitors and business to promote our beautiful village. Why not decorate your home or business? A bit of bunting or taped windows adds to the atmosphere and recreates the 'feel' of the time. Root around for something with a 40s feel, (granny's wardrobe?) and dress up and join in!

Keen to be seen with the smart gentlemen in uniform! Photo: David Hillerby



Share your anecdotes of everyday life with us; tales of heroism, photos of the people and events of the time! Contact Claire on 07952555980 or spitfireonthegreen@gmail.com. We welcome re-enactors representing all aspects of WW2 life - Military and Civilian. However for the comfort of all participants and spectators we respectfully request no SS, Gestapo or Nazi Party uniforms or regalia please. If you are unsure about what people are representing please approach them and ask. Re-enactors have a wealth of knowledge and information about the life and times they represent - have a chat, broaden your knowledge or just enjoy meeting new faces!

See more about the event on page 7

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Public Participation

Sedgefield Town Council's Meetings are open to all our residents. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) for our monthly meeting and also our Policy and Resources Committee, whilst on the 3rd Monday our Community Development and Environment Committees take place. We begin at 7pm in the Council Offices.

All agendas now include an item called Public Participation and whilst these are not question and answer sessions or a debating time, they do provide an ideal opportunity for you to make your views known to Council members or to bring forward new ideas which you would like members to discuss.

If possible the Chair will give an immediate answer if he or she is able to, but the council cannot take a decision as such at that time. If the item is already on the agenda then discussion on the matter and possibly a resolution will take place at that point in the meeting. (In accordance with our Standing Orders – no decision can be taken without prior notification on an agenda.)

It is more probable that your comments will be noted and passed onto the relevant committee who will then discuss the matter and make the relevant recommendations to full Council.

If you have any minor issues i.e. street lights not working, litter problems etc. then please contact the council offices and these will be dealt with immediately.

If you would like further information on public participation please don't hesitate to contact me. *Lesley Swinbank, Town Clerk.*

Small Grants Pot

The Sedgefield Together Community Partnership is administering the Small Grants Pot of £10,000, which was allocated by the Town Council from the monies from the development of the new Sainsbury's store.

Applications are invited from all local groups and organisations. The closing date is 6th September.

Forms and information are available from the Town Council Offices.

Hotel Licence Application

Durham County Council have received an Application for a New Premises Licence (Sale of alcohol & regulated entertainment on **one** weekend per year) from Ramside Estates Ltd.

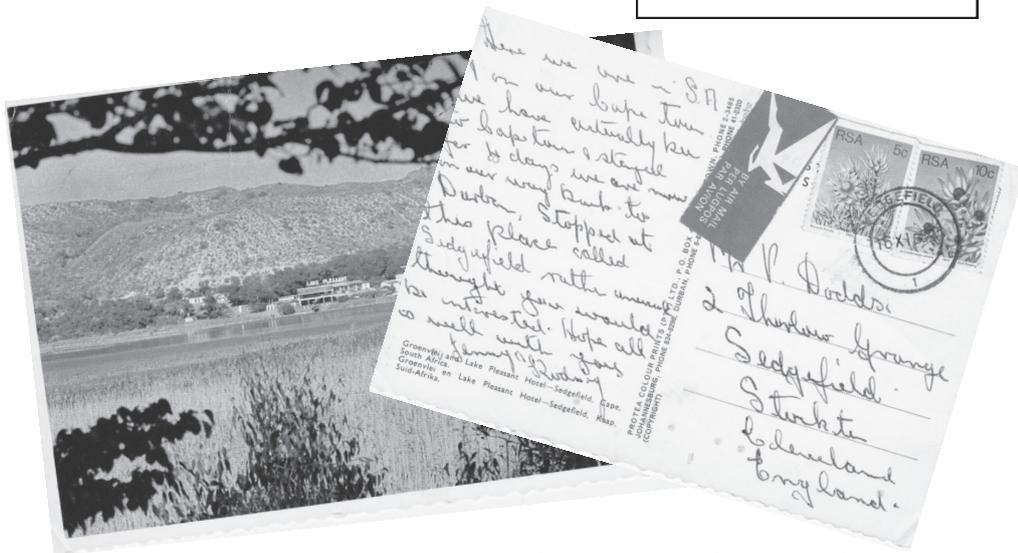
It is for the grassed area to the south west of the Hotel, for one music event each year, which can last over Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am – 11pm.

The hotel has met residents' representatives for discussions.

Premises - Land to the south west of Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, TS21 2EH

Date of Application; 17th June 2013.

Last date for representations; 15th July 2013



A postcard from the past

Perhaps you remember Victor Dodds, who married local girl, Freda Davison, who was the first hairdresser to set up business in Sedgefield.

This old postcard was found recently by their daughter, Susan, amongst her father's possessions. It was sent some years ago by Victor's youngest sister Jenny, who was surprised, on a visit to South Africa, to find herself in a place called Sedgefield. A postcard just had to be sent!

The family had moved from South Africa in 1916, when Victor was just 6 years old and he spent the rest of his life here, only going any distance from the village during wartime Naval service.

Thank you, Susan. The card will be given to Sedgefield Local History Society for their archive.

June photograph

Nancy Wells tells us that the June photograph of the ladies group has already appeared in Sedgefield News, as she loaned it last year. However, it may well spark a few more memories. It is not the Women's Institute, but the Women's Guild started by Canon Wykes, whose wife was president. Subsequent rectors carried on the tradition until Canon Edmundson, who thought the Guild should amalgamate with the Mother's Union. Nancy, who joined when she and Keith moved to Sedgefield in 1954, still has a copy of her membership card. Started for young wives, the guild met in the old Church Hall, now Turners showroom and workshop in Rectory Row. They met fortnightly, taking turns to go along in pairs to light the old fashioned boiler to warm the room. Each quarter of the year they had a Church service, with readings by members, closing at 9.30 pm with a prayer from the Rector. For gift days, each member baked, taking their produce to Betty Ducker's house near the Parish Hall. The next day, the home baked cakes were taken to the hall and always sold out, making a good profit. Nancy remembers the names of many ladies on the photograph. Maybe readers could fill in the gaps.

Back row from left: Grace Bayston, Hazel Finch, Edna Atkinson, Margaret Terry, Doreen Hartshorn, Carol Stacey, Win Booker (later Fenner), Rene Wright, next not known, Maude Wardale, Margaret Smith (later Armstrong).

Second row: Mary Nokes, Molly Icton, Evelyn Nokes, next not known, Mrs Castling, Hetty Jopling, Jean Jones, Mrs Telfor, next not known.

Front row: Nancy Wells, Mary Barron, Anne Wearmouth, next not known, Libby Carr, next 3 not known, Glad Stacey.

Edward Roger Place

Jacky, Sophie, Ben, Lucie and Sam would like to thank everyone for all the messages of sympathy, love and support which have been sent to us during this very sad time in our lives.



Sedgefield Twinning Association 31st year visit

We are happy to report on an excellent week with our friends from Hamminkeln, and for the first time, we were able to offer them a full week of sunshine, which was much appreciated! Trips included a full day trip to Craggside, a full day marooned on Lindisfarne (after an excellent coffee stop at the Barn at Beale) and a day tracing the life of Captain James Cook from his birthplace in Marton, via Great Ayton where he went to school, finishing at Staithes. Our visitors were entranced by Staithes, which we had almost to ourselves. The week finished with a visit to Mount Grace Priory followed by individual trips shopping or in some cases walking in the hills. We were sad to wave everyone goodbye but look forward to our return visit, probably in June 2014.

We are pleased to have had some new members this year - would anyone else like to join us? We will be having several fundraising events in the course of the year and everybody is welcome to come to experience some great German hospitality next year. Our next event is a Barbecue in Ceddesfeld Hall on July 13th. For details please contact Martin King, secretary, on 01740 620424 or any member of the committee.

A 'Golden' session for the Festival of the North East

Not much need for words here! I'll just say, a fabulous time was had by all, encouraged by Mike Tickell (bottom photo, standing) who held forth in song and story to an enraptured audience. Let's do it again sometime! SJC



'Pop-up choirs' included some of the visitors from our German twin town (below)

1st Sedgefield Guides & Brownies change venue

Regrettably, as from September 1st, Sedgefield Guides & Brownies will no longer hold their weekly meetings in Sedgefield Primary School.

This decision has not been made lightly as we have held meetings in the school for the last 50+ years. The charge in 2007 was £10 per week, but we are now being asked to pay £48 per week rent - a substantial rise due to the increase in caretaker wages. Mrs A Cox, headmistress of the school, is unable to reduce these charges at this time.

As you know, all the leaders are volunteers who give up their time, not only for weekly meetings but for trainings, camps and other activities throughout the year. To afford such a rise would mean either increasing weekly subscriptions or fundraising, neither of which we feel appropriate.

We fully appreciate that in this economic climate finances are tight, so as from September Guides and Brownies will meet in the Parish Hall, Sedgefield on Tuesday evenings, where we will be charged £18 for the evening.

Brownies meet 5.30 - 7pm and Guides, 7 - 9pm.

Jackie Postgate MBE.

*Unit administrator,
1st Sedgefield Girl Guides*

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel

Notes from the Meeting held on 11th June 2013

The imminent retirement of our Sergeant, Brian O'Connor was announced to the meeting; after 30 years' service Brian is to tackle pastures new. Members of N/Hood Watch extended their thanks and appreciation for all that Brian has done for the village, much unseen and unheard. C/man Ken Saiger on behalf of N/Hood Watch extends his thanks and wishes Brian every success in the future.

Outstanding issues from April are Speeding and Car Parking problems in the village and commercial vehicle parking in a residential estate. Also traffic dangers for pedestrians following Sainsbury's opening; Winterton petition has full support from Town Council. No response from DCC to petitioners yet.

Durham Police are targeting cannabis cultivation: predominantly found to be persons new to the area, often in residential properties. Neil Langthorne asked members and the public to really keep their eyes open for anything suspicious (closed/obstructed windows, condensation inside, house shut up regularly, any unusual aromas around a property & newcomers in such surroundings) and to report observations to the Police ASAP (use 101).

Mark Pheasant (Crime Prevention) is to return to Beat duties as the post of Crime Prevention Officer is now a civilian appointment. Mark sent his apologies for being unable to inform members in person. His replacement is Duncan Gill.

Village Parking. Neil & Keith advised that this is now a Durham County Council managed matter and so all concerns / reports of issues should from now on be made to DCC 's **The Parking Shop**. Please telephone direct: **0191 3846633**.

If you want action on a parking matter, even a Zebra Crossing issue, ring this number; they are empowered to issue fines directly!

Local Crime Report from PC Keith Todd showed an **increase** in crime & ASB in the last two months. From 17/04/2013 - 10/04/2013 there were 274 (previously 129) calls made to the Police, 24 (previously 5) were of ASB; 86 (previously 52) were traffic related and 14 (previously 9) were actual Crimes (5 thefts, 6 Burglary & 3 of Criminal Damage/fire). An unwelcome change!

Keith re-emphasised the need for the public to report all and any observations / concerns to the Police, it is the best way of catching criminals and also preventing crime! If you are unsure of vehicles, get the registration number and phone it in. This is invaluable intelligence in knowing what thieves are up to and Keith gave a detailed example in relation to recent burglaries in Winterton estate; so please do ring 101.

ATM Credit Card (details &) Money Thefts using CO-OP & Barclays machines this month. Please note - this is the second time this year villagers have been robbed this way! Advice for users to prevent PIN numbers being seen (& then used) is to ensure you obscure *entirely* the key pad and your hand whilst entering the PIN number, simply by using a purse or similar object over the top of that hand. Neil Langthorne gave a simple demonstration to members.

Anti-Social Behaviour: new issues raised. 1. Winterton estate – again no reports made to the agencies (DCC/Police). 2. Very abusive behaviour from Community College pupils particularly on a Garnett's school bus to our "lollipop lady", including throwing objects off the bus! School has been informed as well as her employer but Keith was asked to assist, which he agreed to do. 3. Speeding cars on Hardwick Park Estate. Keith asked for car reg details and reports to be made as these occur.

Next N/H/Watch Meeting: 8th October 2013 in Fletcher Room

Residents' Forum Jottings

There was no scheduled meeting for June, but remember the Neighbourhood Watch meeting is always held the month that there is no Forum and everyone is welcome at the Watch/Crime Prevention meeting. As the Forum meeting scheduled for May 13th was adjourned so that residents could attend the first meeting of the new Town Council we will catch up on issues from the March meeting minutes at the July meeting.

Our new Town Councillors are 'getting to grips' with their new roles and are doing a great job looking at issues which have been ongoing and new issues raised. Chris Lines is doing an excellent job as Chair and the Council have selected Mel Carr to be Mayor for this year, I'm sure Mel will do an excellent job representing our community.

As we have reported before there will be further consultations coming up on housing development in the village so watch out for dates and do try to attend. It is noticeable in the local press that many communities in the County are having to take action to protect the areas they value; our amenities and infrastructure are at serious risk with the building proposals for Sedgefield.

On a brighter note, it is great to see all our schools in the village doing so well. Ofsted reports have been great and Hardwick School are going to look fantastic in their new uniforms with updated modern branding.

The next Forum meeting is at 7pm on Monday 1st July in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome so why not come along to hear what is going on and if you wish give your views or raise any issues.



PC Todd

A slight rise in crime reported to Police. Garages in Millclose Walk, Turnpike Walk and Winterton Avenue all became targets. Items taken include a set of golf clubs, mountain bike, hand tools and alcohol. We still have not identified the owner of a set of golf clubs abandoned nearby. Other crimes include windows broken in the old Winterton church, damage to a vehicle in Eden Drive, theft of a spare wheel in The Meadows, theft of a vehicle in Cunningham Court and theft of diesel from commercial vehicles on the industrial estate. I also want to warn residents to be very careful when they use either of the cashpoint machines in Sedgefield. One unsuspecting female resident became the victim of a criminal gang recently after they placed a reading device over the card insert slot on the cashpoint machine. The device including a hidden camera was able to read her pin number when she entered the number without covering her actions. Moments later she became concerned that the machine had swallowed her card and not released money, so she went into the co-op to report the fault. This gave the criminals enough time to recover the device, download the information onto another card which they then used at the Barclays bank cashpoint to withdraw £1,000. All this within 15 minutes! CCTV has been recovered showing two males committing this crime. They are described as of Eastern European appearance. This is the second time in recent months this type of crime has been committed at the same cashpoints. These people are travelling criminals and must use a vehicle so if you see any suspicious persons take a few moments to make a mental note of the registration number or report it to police. Your information may prove vital in apprehending this gang.

Pub Watch A meeting was held recently in the Crosshills. No reports were made that required further action from members.

P.A.C.T. At a meeting held after Neighbourhood Watch the new priority was discussed. Members decided it would be prudent to continue to target inconsiderate drivers using Durham Road as a race track. The speed limit is 30mph. Don't be one of a growing number of drivers being sent warning letters regarding speeding. You have been warned.

Until next time.

Keith

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Community Liaison Officer,
Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755
Parking Shop 0191 3846633

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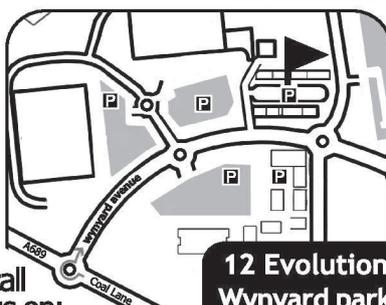
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July Events Diary

These pages are free to non-commercial organisations

Last weekend in June. Armed Forces Day: World War I re-enactment and Arts & Crafts Fair on the Green with **Sedgefield Village Veterans**

Monday 1st July

Residents' Forum

7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall.
All Welcome

Local History Society

7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.
Chris Clennell - "Fragrant Memories"

Wednesday 3rd

Sedgefield WI

Parish Hall, 7.15pm.
Details to be announced.
Members' Comp; a sheep ornament
Visitors always welcome (**fee £3.50**)

Friday 5th

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Coffee Morning

10am -12noon in the Parish Hall
Everyone welcome

Sedgefield and District U3A

1.30pm in the Parish Hall
Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk from Peter Barron (Northern Echo) "Cloudy, Rain Later"
Members Free, Visitors £2.
A warm and friendly welcome to all.
For details call Ray Manning - 629276

Sunday 7th

Farmers' Market from 9.30am

New Generation Church

EVERY SUNDAY in July
11 am in Sedgefield Parish Hall.
Everyone welcome

Eddies@4

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's.
Informal service for 2-6 yr olds.
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Monday 8th

DIDO (Days In, Days Out)

1.30pm in the Parish Hall
Featuring Julia Soares-McCormick's renaissance costume collection, including Tudor Talk. Entertainment, Refreshments, Raffle & Bingo.
New members welcome.
Contact Gloria on 01740 622447

Friday 12th

Country Market. Parish Hall. 9.30 -11am. Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts, plants

Live Music Night

(fund raiser for Folk Festival)
Parish Hall, 7.45 pm
Main guest, Haley Sisters. Also featuring John Weighell and John Wrightson Band. Tickets £11, includes buffet
Contact Joan Edmundson - 621347
Please note, no bar so bring own drinks

Saturday 13th

Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon St. Edmund's Church

Tea, coffee & homemade cakes for sale
In aid of Abie Hearmon's trip to Ethiopia with World Challenge, in October 2013

Twinning Association

Barbecue at Ceddesfeld Hall

For details contact Martin King: 620424
or see any committee member

Sundays 14th (& 28th)

NECP Concertina Workshop

1pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.
Contact 01642 588197

Monday 15th

Family History Group

(A branch of CFHS) 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall. **Help Evening.** Come along and we will try to help you to find that missing ancestor. New members always welcome. For information call 620367 or visit www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org

Tuesday 16th

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

7.30pm in Parish Hall. Members' Evening. *No meeting in August*

Friday 19th

Macmillan Cancer Support

9.30 -11.30am. Meet up with friends in the Parish Hall for Coffee, Tea, delicious scones, cakes etc.

Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st Spitfire Weekend (see front page)

Thursday 25th

Sedgefield Show

8pm in the Nag's Head. All welcome
Please support your local show

Sedgefield Social Club

Saturday 29th June: Alan Stevens

Events in July

Saturday 6th: JoJo

Saturday 13th: Kris Howe

Saturday 20th: Rose

Friday 26th - SPECIAL EVENT!

Local Band: UNPLUGGED - Sounds of the 60s & 70s

Saturday 27th: Dexy

Cover charge £1.50 pp.

Members & their guests welcome

COUNTRY NIGHT

Monday 22nd: John Aston

Cover charge £3 pp. All welcome.

Cover charge £3 pp.

Concert Room available for functions.

Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Regular meetings

Bridge Club

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

Winterton Wayfarers

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

Sedgefield Playgroup

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

Fishburn Art Group

Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Rd
9.30am -12 noon, Mondays

Community College Bowls

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm. Carpet Bowls or Short Mat. Individual coaching available. No age limit. Contact, J. Kinghorn, 623198

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

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

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Ceddesfeld Hall
Join us for Tea or Coffee and biscuits on
Tues 9.30-12; Wed 10-12.30, Thurs 1- 3.30

Craft Club

Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm
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CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre
Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm
(alternating with Trimdon)
Also Fishburn Sure Start Centre
Fortnightly Fridays 10am-1pm

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

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

Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:
SLYC 8-18yrs 6pm: Adults 7.30pm
New members welcome.

Contact us with your events...

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Sedgefield Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 6th July from 1 - 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for fun, games, bouncy castle, toys, books, cakes and refreshments

Anyone for Redcar?

Sedgefield Town Trip, on Wednesday 17th July

is once again organised by DIDO (Days In, Days Out). We will pick up at the Parish Hall at 12 noon, returning around 4.30pm. Please contact Margaret Stewart on 01740 622684 or Lyn Burdess on 621199 to put your names on the list. **Price £3.** NB. First come, first served. Numbers are limited.

The trip has once again been supported by a grant from Sedgefield Charities. DIDO is a project of Sedgefield Development Trust

Spitfire on the Green 40s event

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st July

Event begins on Friday at 1930hrs with music to whet your appetite in local hostelrys. Back by popular demand, fabulous singer Heather Marie is joined by Pete 'Spirit of the 40s'. For those who love to dance (or even just watch) the Parish Hall plays host to a 1940s Dance on Saturday 20th, music courtesy of the 'Spirit of the 40s' disco, plus live performances from Pete & Heather Marie.

Tickets £9, supper included, from Claire on 07952555980, spitfireonthegreen@gmail.com, or via Facebook (Spitfire on the Green).

If you like the thought of dancing but are a little rusty, Pete will hold dance lessons on Saturday afternoon for only £1. A wide range of extra services and traders will add their own vintage 'vibe' - a wonderful 'pop up' tea room in Ceddesfeld Hall, stalls selling craft and vintage items and a vintage hair and beauty service - and all off ration!

Grand Gala in Hardwick Park

Sunday 11th August

The Friends of Hardwick are promoting a Grand Gala to mark the 186th anniversary of a fund-raising event which was held on the same day in 1863 for the benefit of Sedgefield Mechanics' Institute, now the Parish Hall.

It is purely a commemorative event with any funds raised going to the Friends of Hardwick. Activities on the day will, hopefully, include

'Old Time Athletics' with young competitors in outfits of the time; Punch and Judy; Guided walks round the Park by characters of the time.;

Tethered hot air balloon trips (donations requested.);

'Hardwick Steeplechase' with Shetland ponies. Fishburn Brass band. Entrance is free (car parking charges will apply). Catering in the Castle Cafe.

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Sedgefield in Bloom

You may have noticed a buzz of activity around the village, with planting going on in various locations. Council gardeners Stephen and Roy, plus the energetic team of volunteer Bloomers, have been busy preparing for the return visit of the Northumbria in Bloom judges on Wednesday July 17th at 10am. Britain in Bloom judges will come along in August, the date to be announced very soon.

As well as tubs, hanging baskets and beds filled with attractive summer bedding, look out for the new herb garden at Malton Terrace and the wildflower garden taking shape at Wykes Close. And don't forget the Manor House rose garden, the Turnpike Bed at Beacon Lane and the agricultural heritage display opposite. The narrow borders alongside the rectory wall and the church wall leading to the Social Club have also been refurbished. Planted up initially with polyanthus recycled from the village tubs, they will soon be filled with perennials giving permanent colour and interest. If you have any plants you're splitting, we'd be glad to have them. We have had lots of positive feedback (and help) from residents and visitors and the usual terrific support from our sponsors and partners.

Please do your bit to keep the village blooming beautifully and let's see if we can win gold again in 2013.

Your Letters

Just to say thank you to Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon

A final total of £3746.13 was raised during Christian Aid Week. This amount will be further increased by approximately £362 as a result of the completed Gift Aid declarations. Thanks 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. After delivering the envelopes, collectors endeavour to call back twice, however it is not always possible to catch everyone at home. We are sorry if your envelope was not collected and we thank those who brought their envelope to their collector's address or to us afterwards.

David & Margaret Glass

MORBURY X FACTOR: Saturday 11th May

The committee of Mordon and Bradbury Village Hall Association, Mordon would like to offer a big thank you to those of you who attended and supported MORBURY X FACTOR. The evening was an absolute hoot, better than ever, raising much needed funds for the Hall.

If you missed it this time watch out for next time. If you think you could make a judge with attitude or would like to take part, don't be shy! Or just come along and have a brilliant evening. Thank you!

Coronation thanks

Sedgefield Local History Society would like to thank all those people who helped to make our recent Coronation exhibition such a success, either by coming along on June 1st or sharing with us their memories and memorabilia. Many were able to add their own recollections or offer even more mementoes of the big day 60 years ago. The raffle prize winners were Shirley Gill, whose brother, recently deceased, appeared on the Coronation Day school photograph and Elaine, daughter of Les Butler, who loaned us the picture. A fitting conclusion to a super day. Many thanks to you all.

Norma Neal (Chairman)

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Sports Update: continued from back page

Squash

To round off an exceptional season for Sedgefield Squash Club, a strong contingent attended the Durham & Cleveland Squash Association presentation evening in Norton. The evening was rounded off with Sedgefield winning the Small Club of the Year award, but not before the club and its members had dominated the preceding awards:

- Men's 1st team: Division 3 champions
- Men's 4th team: Division 6 champions
- Stephen Rowsby: Division 3 player of the season
- Oliver Walls: Division 5 player of the season
- Gordon Peden: Division 6 player of the season
- Under 15s team: Junior champions
- Under 19s team: Junior champions
- Chris Gillespie: County performance of the season.

The new season resumes in September, and it promises to be a big year for the club, with plans underway to construct a third court, and the teams looking to consolidate upon last year's successes. The 3rd and 4th teams will compete in the same division next season, which also promises to add a bit of spice to the campaign!

That's all for July. As ever, send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.



Sedgefield Show

Preparations for the 160th Sedgefield Show on Saturday 10th August are well underway. Building on the huge success of last year, Sedgefield & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society are pleased to announce that Elaine Hill will be giving her Sheep Dog Display within the main ring.

There will also be a Children's Trail and an Education Tent, making a fun, family friendly day out. Spectators will be able to observe cattle, sheep, goats and small livestock competing for prizes alongside vintage vehicles, home & handicraft and horticulture classes. You can see a vast array of horses, from Shetlands through to heavy horses, as well as show jumping and pony sports. Trimdon Concert Brass Band will play during the afternoon whilst you wander through the craft and food tents, as well as the largest number of outside trade stands the show has ever had!

There is still time to enter a competitive class. The closing date for entries is Friday 26th July, so please visit www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk for details.

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By the time you read this, the British and Irish Lions will have played at least one test against Australia, the second week of Wimbledon will be starting, Team GB will have competed in the European Team Championships in Gateshead, the Tour de France will be underway and it will be only days until the start of the Ashes, with the Open Golf Championship also on the near horizon; safe to say that we're in the middle of another very busy summer of sport. There's plenty of in that list to keep couch potatoes glued to TV, but summer is also the perfect time to get out and try some sport, and in Sedgefield we are blessed with loads of opportunities to do that. This time last year, we were in the middle of Sedgefield Village Games, inspired by the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and the 700th anniversary of Sedgefield being granted its market charter. Over three weeks, hundreds of young people and adults participated in free sporting events in the village – a great community initiative made possible by the volunteering efforts of many individuals, clubs and societies. Towards the end of last year, the Sedgefield Village Games organising committee met and decided that it would be a real shame if the initiative simply disappeared after 2012. The committee has been working hard to develop a plan for the future of the Sedgefield Village Games and all will be revealed very soon – hopefully in the next issue of Sedgefield News, so watch this space!

Rugby Union

Last season saw a mixture of highs and lows for Sedgefield District RFC. Injuries hit the club hard, and for long parts of the campaign, the team took to the pitch without key players. This made for challenging and often frustrating times for players and spectators alike.

However, with some strong winning performances, and narrow defeats, Sedgefield showed more and more that they are a force to be reckoned with, especially at home, which became the proverbial fortress. A final league position of sixth was one place lower than the previous year, but this also highlighted the improvements that other teams had made. Moving forward, the club hopes to secure financial support to carry out much needed work on its pitch, as they look to strengthen their ties with the cricket club, whose support has always been fantastic.

The club continues to focus on participation and is constantly looking for players of any ability and fitness. Look out for more news of how to get involved soon. Pre-season training has already started, on Thursday evenings at Winterton Fields (between the housing and NETPark) - all are welcome.

Junior Athletics

The outdoor track and field season is in full swing, with half of the various fixtures now completed. Junior Sedgefield Harriers from Year 3 right up to Year 12 have been competing in various competitions in the North East and beyond. In the Wednesday night Monkton Grand Prix series 16 athletes have taken part, with half of them currently lying in trophy positions. Sedgefield athletes top both the U17 women and U15 girls categories, with second places in both categories too, as well as in the U15 boys, U13 girls and U13 boys. U13 boy Robbie Till deserves a particular mention – Robbie has competed in every meeting so far, making his high jump, long jump and javelin debuts in the Grand Prix series and doing so well that he is currently in the top three in his age group.

Even more athletes, 30 or so, have been representing Sedgefield in the new (Sunday) North East Youth Development League with two of the four meetings now completed. Sedgefield sit in third place in this divisional league at the half-way stage. Many athletes have competed for the first time outside of school and the club is grateful to all of them and their families for supporting Sedgefield's first season in this league. One of the many highlights so far is Josh Hetherington's shot put win at U15 boys level, with a throw that has put him high up in the UK athletics rankings.

Over 30 primary age children have also been competing at Gateshead Stadium on Sundays in the Youth Athletes League (YAL), which is based on a Quadkids format of run, jump and throw. Again, there have been many fine performances in this Grand Prix series where medals are also given on the day. Sedgefield athletes have scored plenty of points, won a lot of medals in the two meetings, and a number of our athletes are in contention for a Grand Prix trophy. By the time the next YAL meeting takes place the athletes in this league will have run on the same track and jumped in the same long jump pits as Mo Farah and Greg Rutherford respectively, two of the Team GB gold medal winners from London 2012's 'Super Saturday', who both competed in the European Team Championships in Gateshead.

Finally, Sedgefield athletes have also turned out in the North Yorkshire & South Durham (Tuesday night) League, again putting in many great performances as well as appearing at a number of open medal meetings. Well done to all of the above athletes, and to their families and friends for providing transport and support!

Athletics

With spring marathon season over, running the far flung trails past Coxhoe & Hett or Thorpe Thewles & Hurworth Burn, is a fading memory until next year. Results were mixed, some exceeding targets by a long way, others finding out what the last few miles of a marathon are all about.

Ean Parsons' experience at Boston was the curtain raiser and (bombs aside) Ean didn't do badly, surviving the infamous Heartbreak Hill and finishing in 3:33. 'The London' was next, with Matthew Jones' fantastic personal best of 3:16 the pick of the bunch from six Harriers, including Clair Budd fulfilling a lifetime ambition to be there. Next was the Marathon of the North and that short course, 26.2 miles turning out to be a mere 26.5 Harriers fell foul of the marshalling, but the biggest disappointment was for Steve Foreman who had taken well over half an hour off his PB to finish sub 3:30, only to find that his result was invalid. Ellen Tipple and Ean Parsons took on the inaugural Scafell Pike Marathon, from Keswick, over England's highest peak and back to the Lakeland town. Try the weekend of the Edinburgh Marathon for a warm Scottish holiday. Harriers Suzanne Tait, Tommy Dunn & Daniel Probert suffered in the heat!

Finally, Two other Harriers deserve a mention; Gary Thwaites, on his quest to complete as many marathons as he can (7 so far this year, including Druridge Bay, London & Howgill; and Paul Weir, pictured, going from strength to strength in 10k. Paul started to compete relatively recently but is now often the first Harrier home. He seems to achieve PBs every week and not long ago, he brought his 10k PB down to an outstanding 36:44 at the Clive Cookson 10k in North Shields.

Sport continues on p.11

