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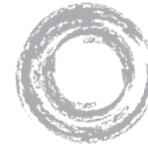
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Banking in Sedgefield

There has been much critical comment about the loss of local banking services since Barclays closed in May. Businesses and individuals are inconvenienced by it and for some people, dealing with everyday financial transactions is hard.

Sedgefield Development Trust is still prepared to contribute to an initiative to bring banking facilities back to Sedgefield, in co-operation with the North East First Credit Union and others.

To do this, we would need to bring volunteers on board, from this community, who have banking and other relevant experience. In at least one case, that experience would have to be at a senior level. The Trust is still willing to pursue the idea. If other bodies and volunteers wish to talk to us about it, the person to contact is Mike Ashwell. Call him on 07843 229 357 or email Mike_Ashwell@hotmail.com



Wheels to Work

Wheels to Work County Durham

A moped-loan scheme aims to help people access employment, training or education that would otherwise be inaccessible due to poor public transport connections or out-of-hour work patterns. The project has been set up in response to a growing need to help local people get to work or college. The idea is to provide a loan of a moped for 6 months to help people to establish themselves in work and/or training, making people more employable by helping them to be mobile and independent.

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We're waiting for your call!

Wheels 2 Work County Durham is supported by the North East Combined Authority, Durham County Council, Durham Area Action Partnerships, Virgin Money Foundation and the County Durham Community Foundation.



Elena Degnan is delighted to announce that Jayne Fashions Ltd has been shortlisted in the Local Champion in the Drapers Independents Awards 2018.

The shortlist is made up from the top 20 small independent retailers chosen from over 4200 entries. Drapers Independents Awards celebrate the most influential brands and highly respected independent retailers and reward those businesses that are changing the landscape of fashion. The fashion industry's best independents provide inspiration on so many levels. Offering some of the best customer service in the fashion industry, they know how to keep their customers happy – and keep them coming back.

Elena was chosen because she really understands her customers' lifestyles and interests and combined with her fundraising activities for Amy Stockhill and the Sir Bobby Robson foundation (to name but a few) plus local community support and the organisation and management of special social events, plus doing home visits to support people with mobility issues giving colour and style consultation. This year the quality of entries was better than ever, so being shortlisted is a great achievement, congratulations!

The Drapers Independents Awards Luncheon take place on Wednesday 12th September, so pop in to Jayne Fashions and wish Elena good luck.



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Steve's Nature Diary JULY

I was up this morning at 5.30am and out of the house, ready to start my British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Breeding Bird Survey (BBS). This is the main scheme for monitoring the population changes of the UK's common breeding birds. It is a national volunteer project aimed at keeping track of changes in the breeding populations of widespread bird species in the UK. Volunteers all round the country are making two visits to their chosen 1 Km square to count the birds present and then enter their data online.

My square was on farmland near Sedgfield and I had to walk along a transect noting down the birds I heard and saw as I went along. It must be said that my first issue was, although I was on public footpaths and they were way-marked in places, some of them had crops planted right up to the edge or I had to fight my way through undergrowth to get through sections. Luckily I had a map or I would have lost my way in several sections. This means that visitors to Sedgfield and its environs would really struggle to use these paths as well. Other than this I had a very pleasant morning and saw and heard a few birds including Hedge Sparrow, Whitethroat, Blackcap and others that are typical to this habitat. I was really pleased to see and hear several skylarks doing their aerial flight display, yellowhammers with their distinctive "Little bit of bread and no cheeese" song and the chirping of tree sparrows which must be nesting in some of the larger trees in amongst the hedges. Another highlight was a Buzzard which was being mobbed by crows. All in all, not a bad count. I think if I had done this walk fifty years ago things would have very been different, and I may have come across birds like Corn Bunting, Cuckoo, Grey Partridge and Turtle Dove. Some older residents may be able to tell me whether this is true or not. These birds, along with twenty-four others, according to the 2017 report, show a long-term statistically significant trend of greater than 50% population declines over periods of 31–48 years. Research has shown that often declines in farmland bird species are associated with more than one factor impacting on a species simultaneously. The main factors driving declines since 1970 are: loss of mixed farming; increased use and efficacy of pesticides; changes in crops grown; changes in grassland management; field drainage; predation; weather and migration issues. With over 70% of the UK's land farmed in some way, how this land is managed has a big impact on wildlife. The Wildlife Trusts produced a report "What next for farming" with recommendations for a future agriculture policy after the UK leaves the EU. It was published in January 2018 and you can download it at <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/farming>.

Wild bird populations are an important indicator of the health of the countryside and knowing to what extent bird populations are increasing or decreasing is fundamental to bird conservation.

So if you would like to get involved in doing the BBS survey next year, visit <https://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/bbs>.



A day of smiles as Ann says "goodbye" to library life

There were happy scenes in Sedgfield Library when friends, colleagues and many of the readers who had benefitted from Ann Beamson's enthusiasm and diligence over so many years, gathered to thank her and wish her a very happy retirement. She has sent a typically modest few words to say thank you.

"I would like to thank everyone who gave me such an overwhelming send off, especially my colleague and friend, Katie Burkill, who organised everything to make my last days at work so memorable. Huge thanks for the many presents, best wishes and lots and lots of hugs! I will miss everyone, especially Katie and Denise, but I did have a wonderful library life. Ann."

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To practice to be a Campanologist!

The Unknown Poet 2018

Campanology: the art and study of Bell Ringing

St Edmund's Tower Bell Ringers meet at the Church for practice, between 7.30 & 9pm most Thursdays. Just turn up for an introduction to campanology! We have six bells and need more ringers to maintain our community tradition.

Let's be blooming good again!

Northumbria in Bloom judges Dot Patterson, Ann Burns and Tony Ewin return to Sedgfield on Thursday July 19th for the all-important summer judging.

They arrive at 10am for a brief Powerpoint presentation in Ceddesfeld Hall, outlining the work of the Bloomers and council gardeners Stephen Young and Ben Gray over the preceding months. Then off for a walking tour of the centre of Sedgfield, followed by a driven tour taking in more outlying spots such as the racecourse and Hardwick Hall. Please feel free to say hello if you see them them out and about with Bloom representatives.

Residents and business premises can help to maintain our impressively high standard by making sure your premises are tidy, free of litter, weeds and cigarette ends. Tubs, hanging baskets and other floral decorations are always a bonus. We have been very impressed this year, particularly by the efforts of new businesses opening up in the village, as well as existing traders who can always be relied on to put on a good show. As ever, community support has been outstanding, with generous sponsorship and support from a wide range of organisations, including younger residents.

Let's all pull together to bring Gold to Sedgfield once again! *Norma Neal*

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Sedgefield Twinning Association visit to Hamminkeln

A month ago, members of Sedgefield Twinning Association returned from a lovely 4 day visit to Hamminkeln. Although we were a very small delegation this time, as usual we were made to feel very welcome and given a wonderful time, with a guided tour of a “water castle”, Schloss Raesfeld, followed by a lovely lunch and a visit to the local museum which showed us what it was like for ordinary people of the area who were caught up in World War 2. A “beer seminar” involved tasting a selection of beers (not just German ones) and also whisky and Schnapps. Nobody reported a headache the next day, and even the teetotal among us had a great time, maybe because we were served roast pork and crackling as well!

Another day we visited an organic farm with 4,500 laying hens, which sold not only eggs but products made from them, direct to the public via their shop and markets. Of course we also sampled their products – which included strawberries, vegetables and “pick your own” flowers.

Welcoming us, the Mayor of Hamminkeln, Herr Bernd Romanski, emphasised the importance, particularly in the present world situation, of this continuing friendship between countries. Personal friendships and understanding each other’s ideas is the only way to achieve peace. Nobody wants to fight their friends! This was true when Twinning links were set up after World War 2 and is equally true today.

We are enthusiastic to continue this 35 year old tradition, and think that there must be others in Sedgefield who would enjoy a visit to Germany. Next year friends from Hamminkeln visit us, and we will be looking for hosts for them. But even if you do not want to host, by all means come and join in while they are here (dates not yet been decided). If you would like to know more, come to our social event on July 13th in Ceddesfeld Hall, between 4pm and 6pm. For £10 pp you will get a glass of bubbly, strawberries & cream and a fun prize quiz entitled “Do you know your village?” We have a collection of photographs of unusual views of Sedgefield! For more information contact Judith Edgoose on 07899 944464 or any other member of the Committee.

WW1 commemorations

Sedgefield Local History Society and the Village Veterans were delighted to welcome family members to their latest World War I commemoration.

Auriel Anderson (nee Banks) and her granddaughter Melanie laid a floral tribute to their grandfather and great great grandfather Edwin Banks.

A Lance Sergeant with the 1st/6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, Edwin Banks lost his life in France on May 27th 1918, aged 36. Born in Sedgefield in 1882 to Bernard and Jane Banks, Edwin Banks began his working life as a house painter, later working at Durham County Asylum. He lived in East End with his wife Annice (nee Hallimond), who he married in 1904. In 1926, Annice’s younger sister Gertrude married Robert Cooper, marking the beginning of the Cooper dynasty at the Golden Lion. Edwin and Annice Banks had two sons – William Bernard, born in 1905 and Charles (Auriel’s father), two years younger. The boys would have been 13 and 11 when their father died.

Edwin Banks is remembered on the Soissons Memorial in France, near the River Somme and on Winterton Memorial, now in St Edmund’s church.

The next commemoration is on Friday July 27 at 10.45 am at the war memorial, when we will remember William Henry Bungay of the 13th Battalion Green Howards. Family members or other interested parties are welcome to contact Norma Neal on 01740 620091 or email

norma@neal.myzen.co.uk



Auriel and Melanie with Alison Hodgson & Barbara Leo of Sedgefield LHS and David Hillerby of the Village Veterans



The ABC of the RAF

Paul Heasman, former resident of Sedgefield, hopes to inspire the next generation of Royal Air Force personnel with his first published book.



Pictured above with a Hawk T2 jet, Paul created the book to help his daughter to research a school project on the RAF centenary. With publication of “The ABC of the RAF” he hopes to inspire other children around 4 to 11 years. Paul attended Sedgefield Primary School and Sedgefield Community College and was a member of Hartlepool Air Cadets. With a BSc in Physics from Loughborough University, he was commissioned into the RAF after graduating from RAF College Cranwell in 2000.

He completed his fast jet flying training and carried out a frontline tour on the Tornado F3 at RAF Leeming. Paul was selected for instructional duties at RAF Valley in 2006 and was part of the team that introduced the Hawk T2 into RAF Service in 2009.

The ABC of the RAF costs £14.99 plus postage and packaging. Visit [facebook.com/ABCofRAF](https://www.facebook.com/ABCofRAF) or email ABCofRAF@outlook.com

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Male victims of domestic abuse are top priority for the Young Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

A new campaign to support male victims of domestic abuse was launched at Police HQ in Durham on Tuesday 12th June.

Domestic abuse can be psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional. Victims may feel threatened, coerced, controlled or degraded. 2.5 million cases of domestic abuse against men are reported in the UK every year. One in six men have been victims of violent domestic abuse from an intimate partner. They are far less likely than female victims to tell someone else about their experience.

Libby Wright, the 17 year-old Young Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, who is the driving force behind the new campaign, wants people to understand what male domestic abuse is and how to get support. Libby was elected to the role by Police Cadets in 2017, and has teamed up with Ron Hogg, Stephen Cronin and senior figures from Local Government, the NHS, the Harbour support service and the Police to champion the rights of male victims.

Male victims of domestic abuse in County Durham who may need support or advice should contact Harbour on 03000 202525 or www.myharbour.org.uk

Notes from Neighbourhood Watch Meeting held on 12th June 2018

Full Minutes are posted in Notice Boards (Police Station & adjacent Library)

Neighbourhood Watch wish to record sincere appreciation of the donation received from outgoing Mayor David Brown from his local awards in May.

Once again attendance was less than hoped for. However, the report provided by new Local Police Officer John Lamb was most comprehensive and explanatory as to how the recent reduction of intolerable behaviour from youths at the weekends was achieved. Members thanked John, his local colleagues and the other officers involved, for their work and especially their achieved outcome.

There was active discussion of the use of (resident) CCTV with CPO Rona Stocks, offering advice, home visits for this and other prevention matters for anyone who contacts her. Her contact details are below.

The Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards will be made at Primary schools in July.

Call 101 to contact Local Police to report concerns, seek advice or to pass on information. You are advised to keep notes of the conversation & obtain an incident number.

Crime Prevention Officer Rona Stocks:
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Grant Funding still available for Businesses & Farmers in the Sedgfield Area

The LEADER fund is still open to applications from farmers and businesses in the Sedgfield area. The £1.584 million fund has already helped dozens of farmers, businesses and community organisations across the Durham Coast and Lowlands area, but there is still money left in the pot for new projects to come through.

The fund covers rural areas between Dawdon in the north to Newton Aycliffe in the south. Sedgfield and surrounding areas, including Foxton, Mordon, Bradbury, Fishburn and Bishop Middleham are all eligible for funding between £2500 and £180,000 for capital projects.

The scope of the funding is wide; LEADER has already funded projects such as playgrounds, robotic mikers, factory production line machinery and building works for holiday accommodation.

Applications are welcomed from projects that will provide:

- Support for increased farm productivity
- Support for micro and small businesses or farm diversification (non agricultural)
- Support for rural tourism
- Support for rural services

LEADER is European funding, so farmers, businesses or those thinking about a start-up are encouraged to come forward before the funding disappears.

The Sedgfield area is new to this funding so it would be fantastic to continue to support the area.

To discuss an idea or for more information contact the Durham Coast and Lowlands team on **03000 262618 / 266894** or email durhamcoastandlowlands@durham.gov.uk

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Ceddesfeld Hall

Home of Sedgely Community Association

Arrangements for Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival are well underway (see poster, right) and we're looking forward to a great weekend.

There is a varied selection of beers from a range of breweries including; Titanic Plum Porter, Oakham Citre, Black Death and Ruby Revolution, to name but a few. There will also be a selection of ciders. Doors open on Friday 6th July at 7 pm and at 6 pm on Saturday. BBQ food is available both nights as well as entertainment from Lol and Maxine on Saturday evening.

Friday August 31st sees the start of Sedgely Folk Festival. Events at Ceddesfeld begin with an evening of ukulele music, featuring the Stockton to Darlington Ukulele Express, Ceddesfeld Ukulele Band and Lol and Maxine Crallan. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained from Lol Crallan on 621709 or from behind the bar at Ceddesfeld.

On Saturday 1st September starting at 7.30 pm, The Old Age Travellers feature in an Open Mic Night. This is a great evening of varied music from local folk singers as well as visitors from further afield.

Other activities at Ceddesfeld Hall: Friday and Saturday evening - musician session, with Joe Childs, takes place upstairs, starting at 7.30 pm.

Saturday morning workshops (10 am) : Ukulele, fiddle and guitar and Northumberland pipes.

Saturday afternoon (1.30 pm) - Durham Traditional Song Writing Competition run by Sheila Sinn. A great opportunity to perform your own work.

Saturday afternoon (1 pm). Singaround with Ernie Gilchrist, followed by a dedication to the wonderful Bert Draycott given by Ray Thom, then a dedication to Martin Nesbitt given by Mike Ward. The festival finishes with a Sunday Singaround (10.30 am to 3 pm with buffet) led by Ernie Gilchrist.

Sedgely Book Ends. We're also looking forward to an exciting programme of events inspired by books, beginning at the end of September. *More on this next month.*

For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, Sarah on 01740 622185 or visit www.sedgelysca.org.uk

SDT Projects

Sew Easy

The group is always hard at work and obviously enjoys the experience.

Our machines (new ones in the foreground bought with a grant from County Councillor David Brown and Sedgely Development Trust) are used to the max! Sew Easy meets twice



weekly (details p 12) and will hold a Fashion Show on 23rd October in the Parish Hall, to show off the fruits of their labour - jackets, dresses, tops and trousers and many accessories. Proceeds will be shared between DIDO and the Dementia Café group.

DIDO

Days In Days Out for seniors is still going strong although we have sadly lost a lot of our founder members - as you can imagine 11 years on - so we are actively seeking new members to enjoy our interesting and sociable activities. Call Gloria on 622447.

Homework Help

Homework Help is available to the end of term and beyond, so if you would like any help with school or college homework, please contact us at homeworkhelpsedgely@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do!

Sedgely Farmers' Market Sunday July 1st

Alongside our adventurous traders with their cornucopia of tasty produce, the RSPB will be visiting the village green this month. With live music comes from Lol, Maxine & the Ceddesfeld Ukulele Band and games for the children, the stage is set for a thoroughly enjoyable morning!

Woodland and Wildlife: My Happy Place!

On a crisp sunny February morning I turned up at NetPark to discuss a project to plant a woodland and wildlife area on the outskirts of Sedgely. Since that initial meeting an enthusiastic group of volunteers have planted 840 trees in blizzards, cleaned up the site on a mass litter pick and over the past 6 weeks have been clearing a considerable amount of undergrowth. This has been very hard but rewarding work, definitely better than going to the gym! We can be very proud of the achievements so far, it's a fantastic example of the proactive attitude of this community.

I'd first heard about the project in 2017 and immediately wanted to be involved. I was interested in the environmental aspect of the project and as a Mum of two young girls it was an excellent opportunity to introduce them to nature and plant trees which will grow with them. They would be able to visit the site as adults and know that they were part of its beginnings. They have really enjoyed the visits to the trees; the freedom the open space allows them is rare in an increasingly urbanised world.

The Woodland and Wildlife site has become my happy place; it is so peaceful, and I feel proud knowing we have made a small difference to the environment. The changing seasons make every visit different and I'm quickly gathering knowledge of the flora and fauna. I can highly recommend getting involved no matter how big or small your contribution, it will be valuable! *Melissa Hinton*



Just a small sample of the wildflowers that have been found flourishing on the little patch of land that is becoming a new woodland. Photographs by Rudolf Reichel.

If you would like to get involved, visit our Facebook page: 'Woodland & Wildlife – Sedgely' or call or text Roger on 07803 269956.

Jane Spink Art Exhibition

Now becoming an annual fixture in the Manor House events programme, this year's exhibition starts from Wednesday 11th July and to Saturday 14th July inclusive, each day between 9 am and 4pm at The Manor House.

Entry is free and tea and coffee will once again be served throughout the day. Lunch, available between 12 noon and 2pm, needs to be pre-ordered as there is limited availability. All details will be on Jane's facebook page - 'Jane Spink Art' and on the website www.janespink.co.uk. The QR code links to Jane's Website.

This year's paintings show an advance in style and technique throughout, with a strong emphasis on the beauty of the North East coastline and countryside. Queries are welcome so feel free to get in touch at janespink2001@yahoo.co.uk



Players succeed with new venture

The Players most recent production, 'The Jewish Wife and other plays' was a unique piece of theatre and very different from that which they are used to performing. The piece looks into the historical rise of the Nazi Party through the eyes of the people of Germany in the 1930s and follows Bertolt Brecht's inimitable style. The theatre was set in thrust, with audiences extremely close to the action, creating an intimate and powerful feeling. The use of archive film footage and the quickly changing scenes added to the pace and power of the piece. It was a huge challenge for the Players, but one they rose to admirably, with audiences praising this exciting and interesting venture. Pictures from the performance are by John Finlayson.

Next up for the group is the annual drama festival in September (more details closer to the time) but first, the Youth Section (SPYS) perform their version of Robert Louis Stephenson's 'Treasure Island' adapted by Phil Wilmot. Tickets for the 3 performances are available now. Details on the poster, right.



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13th Annual Sedgefield Folk Festival. 31st August - 2nd September

Time is running out for the purchase of tickets for concerts in the Parish Hall. At the time of writing, tickets for the Friday and Saturday evening concerts are virtually sold out but there are still some available for the Saturday afternoon concert featuring Jez Lowe, Jack Burness, Granny's Attic and Marske Fishermen's Choir.

However, there is an alternative concert in Ceddesfeld Hall on Friday evening with Stockton to Darlington Ukulele Express and Maxine and Lol Crallan.

As usual singarounds will take place in the Social Club on the Friday night, hosted by the Pot and Glass Folk Club, and on Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Ceddesfeld Hall. On Saturday there will be an Open Mic evening at Ceddesfeld with Old Age Travellers. For further information on all the events and activities taking place please contact Joan Edmundson on 621347 or visit www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk.

100 Years of the WI

As part of Sedgefield WI's Centenary celebrations, everyone is invited to join WI members on the Sedgefield Heritage Walk on Tuesday 10th July. Please meet at the Parish Hall at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. The walk is just over one and a half miles and takes in many of Sedgefield's historic buildings. There will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards along with an opportunity to browse Sedgefield WI's archives.

As I type this, the group stages of the football World Cup are underway. There have already been a couple of surprise results. Inevitably, football is dominating many of the headlines, but there's plenty of other great sport to enjoy at the moment, with cricket, track and field athletics, golf, road cycling and tennis all taking centre stage during the summer. Whether you follow internationals, national & regional fixtures, or grass roots sport in Sedgefield and surrounding area, there's a lot on offer right now.

Sedgefield Cricket Club Steward

An experienced individual is required to take responsibility for operating Sedgefield Cricket Club, and optimising potential. Successful candidate will be professional, enthusiastic with a can-do attitude. Organisational skills essential.

25 hours per week, split between management and bar work.

Basic annual salary £15,000 - opportunity exists to increase earnings.

Apply with CV to Dawn Wright, Sedgefield Cricket Club.

Email: dawnwright81@btinternet.com

Cricket

Sedgefield Cricket Club is bursting at the seams with enthusiasm as anyone passing the club, particularly on Friday evenings, cannot fail to have noticed. Fridays are when junior coaching takes over, including the ECB backed All Stars programme for children aged five to eight, and Sedgefield is one of the shining beacons in the region. At the last count, 68 children were participating, and when added to the coaching provided to older youngsters, the cricket club is regularly seeing up to 150 kids taking part every week.

For the last few years, Sedgefield Cricket Club has focussed on building from the bottom upwards. This is bearing fruit, with junior teams active and successful at all age groups from U11 and above. In addition, Sedgefield is one of only a handful of North East clubs to run a girls' team.

The cricket club is also embarking on ambitious development plans, the next phase being modifications to the bar area (planned for the autumn). This will no doubt please the parents, members and visitors who enjoy the social side of the game, while the cricket continues on the pitch and outfield. The club is keen to recruit additional casual bar staff, and anyone interested should contact Dawn Wright there. Social membership of the club costs just £10 per year, and brings with it notable membership discounts on bar prices.

On the pitch, after just over a third of the season, the 1st XI sit in one of the promotion places in Division 2 of the North Yorkshire & South Durham League, after some excellent performances, and confidence is high that the team will continue their form through to September. Hopefully, there will be more positive news to report next month on that front.

The club posts regularly on social media, so to keep up to date with upcoming events and matches, search for Sedgefield Cricket Club on Facebook and Twitter.

Football

As promised last month, here's an end of season report from St. Edmund's FC. St. Edmund's ended the season mid-table, in a very competitive Durham Sunday Premier League. To all involved with the club, it felt like the team underachieved and probably the game that summed up the season was the County Cup fixture, which Sedgefield led 3-0 at half-time, but went on to lose 3-4 to Darlington Albion. On a positive note, the team had a good balance of youth and experience and should only get better.

At the presentation evening, John Maddison was crowned Player of the Year, Glen Donaldson named Players' Player (he was also leading goal scorer for the season), Keiron Parnaby won Young Player, and Kevin Hodgson bagged Goal of the Season. If anyone is interested in playing for St. Edmund's FC next season, contact Phil Shann on 07944 501708.

Bowls

Fishburn Bowls Club continues its efforts to move out of the lower reaches of the 3 leagues in which it competes; Durham & District, Cleveland & Teesside and South West Durham. The playing surface is responding very well to an intensive care regime, with favourable comments expressed by visiting teams. Two new members are already showing promise, and Fishburn Bowls Club is very pleased to welcome new members of all abilities. If you would like to try the sport, please contact the secretary: 07875 214387 or the treasurer: 07989 201342.

Squash

Historically, summers at Sedgefield Squash Club used to mean quiet courts with little going on, but times have changed.

Interest is high amongst members climbing the slippery pole that is the Summer Ladder, probably buoyed by seeing how many prizes were awarded at the club's presentation evening for last year's edition. In the first month of the ladder, 150 matches were played, already 50% up on the total for the whole of last summer!

This comes on the back of another proud day for the club, after being awarded the Durham & Cleveland Squash Small Club of the Year Award. Sedgefield Squash Club now boasts both its highest membership numbers for 20 years, and more qualified coaches than any other club in the county.

Junior coaching continues until the end of school term and has been boosted by new young players attending since Easter. The club is currently running coaching in conjunction with Sedgefield's primary schools, which has proved very popular. Come September it is hoped that more coaching opportunities will be available through the week.

Membership enquiries - please contact Sue Smith at curlietailz@aol.com.



*Sedgefield Squash Club officials Neil Bunnay and Chris Rowsby receive the **Small Club of the Year Award** from D&C County Chairman, Kevin Whitfield.*

Planning issues: Sedgfield Village Action Group notes

There isn't much to report from SVAG at the moment as we are waiting to hear when the Wimpey application for 60 houses on the 'horse field' at the bottom of Stockton Road will go to a planning meeting. Maybe by the time you read this we will know, as we were told it would probably be June. SVAG will again represent the majority of residents' views at the planning meeting but we do still need residents to help us.

Signs. Some people think that the Wimpey signs in the two fields either side of the Stockton Road entrance mean that Wimpey will be building there, but that is not the case – the signs are there illegally. Wimpey do not have planning permission to put them there, but are now applying for that permission and indeed saying they want them there until 2024. Does that indicate that they don't intend to have Eden Drive building site finished until 2024? To date they do not have any further permission to build on new areas. This is another example of developers showing total disregard for rules and residents' opinions.

The Sedgfield Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) has completed a re-consultation stage resulting in a need for some minor word changes and updating of maps; the Town Council (TC) will progress this and we have requested they treat it as a priority. It is even more important that we have our NHP making progress as the County Durham Plan (remember the first Plan was withdrawn a couple of years ago and has been started again) will be out for consultation on June 22nd with any comments required to be in by August 3rd. The Town and County Councils will publicise where the Plan can be viewed (libraries, Council offices, online and some 'drop in sessions' with County officers present to answer questions). We need to keep a close eye on what the County Plan indicates should happen with future housing development in Sedgfield – so please have your say at any consultations.

In other news, the land between Old Beacon Lane and Butterwick Lane where a company called ESRG was looking to develop housing is now 'in the hands of' a company called Hellens Group Ltd. They have requested the opportunity to meet the Town Council about their plans. We understand STC will probably do this at a meeting in July and the public will be able to attend so watch out for information.

SVAG will carefully look at what impact the County Plan will have on our community, but we need everyone to have their say. You can contact SVAG by email on SedgfieldVAG@gmail.com or on 0752 3457584.

Athletics

July will see Sedgfield Harriers host the club's next event, the annual Summer Handicap for the Gerry Kearsley Memorial Trophy. The race will be held on the evening of Thursday 19th July, with the first runners setting off at 7:00pm from just outside Fishburn (in the field that now contains the pit wheel monument). The handicap route follows an undulating multi-terrain course of a little over six miles, mostly on trails and old railway lines, to Bishop Middleham and back. Handicapping is based on each runner's personal best 10K time during the last 12 months and the majority of the prizes are awarded to the first runners back (rather than to those with the fastest times). Because of the handicap system, most runners finish within a few minutes of each other, making for an exciting conclusion to the event.

Entry is free and on the day only, with registration opening in Fishburn Club from 5:30pm. The event is suitable for runners of all abilities who want to test themselves at a distance of around 10K.

For any further information, contact Ean Parsons on 07771 828568 or ean.p@sedgfieldharriers.co.uk.

Meanwhile, junior and senior Sedgfield Harriers continue to be very busy, competing in a wide variety of track and field, road, and trail and fell running events in a wide variety of locations near and far. I'll include a summary of some notable performances next month.

That's all for this month. As always, if you have any sports news, please send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.



3 Sedgfield Harriers in action: l-r: Justin Cox, David Bentley, Ciaran Lines

Notices and letters

Local hardworking 15 year old boy looking for work: dog walking, pet-sitting, lawn mowing, babysitting etc. Available weekends and July & August. Please contact Cameron at mkchandreusuk@gmail.com.

The Inner Wheel Club of Sedgfield thanks everyone who supported their Fashion Show on Tuesday 29th May. With your help we raised £740 for the Alzheimer & Parkinson Charities. Thank you all very much. *Ann Carr, President*

Christian Aid Week 2018

Thanks to the generosity of people in Sedgfield, Bradbury, Mordon & Mainsforth, we are delighted to report that a final total of £3936.48 was collected and will be increased by approximately £426 as a result of the completed Gift Aid declarations, and a further £153 given at the Good Friday Procession of Witness. A grand total of just over £4,515 will go towards helping to improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Thanks also to our dedicated collectors, who gave time and effort to this very worthy cause. After delivering envelopes they try to call back twice, but it is not always possible to catch everyone at home. We are sorry if your envelope was not collected. Thank you to those who brought their envelopes to St Edmund's on Mediaeval Fayre day; or to one of our other churches, their collector or to our home afterwards.

Margaret & David Glass

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Rachel Fenwick
Martyn, Zoe, Rachel and Lee are hiking / walking 26 miles of the Northumberland coast on Saturday 21st July. This will be a massive challenge for us, but nothing compared to what most cancer sufferers go through every day. Our first thoughts will be of Dad and what he had to go through and I'm sure he'll be watching over us and drag us all across that finish line. Any donations are welcome, every penny counts. Fund-raising is hugely important to Macmillan. Without people running marathons, climbing mountains, and donating in other ways, Macmillan wouldn't exist. Using JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Your money goes directly to the charity with speed and efficiency. Thank you.
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Sun 1st	Sedgefield Farmers' Market: On the village green from 8.30am.
Mon 2nd	Sedgefield Local History Society: Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm. "An Architectural Tour of Woolworths Stores in the Northeast" by Graham Soult. Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 6.30pm to 9.30. Call 622447 for information.
Wed 4th	Sedgefield WI: The Parish Hall @ 7.15pm. Serving in Afghanistan" by Fiona Bentley. Members' Competition – A Boot/Shoe Decorative Item
Thu 5th	Willowdene Care Home: Community Afternoon Tea. 2 to 4pm. Befriending & Socialising over complimentary refreshments, cakes & treats. For information contact Angela on: 01740 771310
Fri 6th	Sedgefield Veterans Coffee Morning. Parish Hall, 10 to 11.30am. U3A: 2pm in the Parish Hall. Annual General Meeting, followed by Cream Tea. Members free.
Sat 7th	Drop in Surgeries: Cllr John Robinson. 9 – 9.45am Bradbury & Mordon Village Hall; 10 – 11am Sedgefield Library; 11.15 – 12 pm Fishburn Community Centre.
Mon 9th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 6.30pm to 9.30. Call for information.
Wed 11th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Information - 622447
Fri 13th	Country Market: Parish Hall 10am to 11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants, Refreshments. For information call 629441.
Sat 14th	Summer Fete: 2pm-4pm at Willowdene Care Home. Featuring a variety of stalls, prize games, BBQ, puppet show, and more. Everyone welcome! Full Monty Comedy Club: Parish Hall Doors, 7.30pm. Show @ 8pm. Tickets £10 from Tickety Boo or on the door.
Mon 16th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 6.30pm to 9.30. Call 622447 for information.
Tue 17th	Sedgefield, Ferryhill & District Flower Club: 7.30pm @ Sedgefield Parish Hall. Members' workshop on modern design presented by Val Guest. £15 pp. Faith supper to follow.
Wed 18th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Information - 622447
Thu 19th	Northumbria in Bloom summer judging of Sedgefield in Bloom. 10am - 1pm Memory Café: 10.30am to 12 noon @ Sedgefield Fire Station.
Fri 20th	SPYS present Treasure Island! A spine-tingling adventure about treachery, treasure and a young man's rite of passage. Tickets from Tickety Boo or call 07763257846
Sat 21st	SPYS play as above
Tue 24th	Sedgefield Gardening Club. Evening trip to Helen Bainbridge's Stokesley garden.
Wed 25th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Information - 622447
Thu 26th	Sedgefield Show Meeting: Social Club 8pm.
Fri 27th	10.45 am at the war memorial – Sedgefield LHS and Village Veterans - WWI commemoration of William Henry Bungay of the 13th Battalion Green Howards

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