

Sedgefield News

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By the Villagers for the Villagers of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon
June 2003

Fun, fun, fun in the...well ok, no sun, but it was fun anyway!

The weather may have been fickle but Fayre organisers are pretty pleased with the way it went. The day ended profitably and visitors found plenty to enjoy, both on and off the village green. The falconry display in particular attracted a lot of favourable comment.

The contribution of the musicians and dance sides who have been such a feature over the years, was acknowledged this year. Certificates were awarded to the Cleveland Police Band, Black Sheep Morris, Durham Rams and Palatine Clog, and Marion and David Owens of Ministers, who had sponsored the band, were on hand to present the awards.



Rising to the Challenge on a slightly damp Fayre Day, & Palatine Clog 'dancing out' before their turn on the Green



Restaurant recovers from Meltdown!

Anyone puzzled by recent lunchtime closures at Ministers will be glad to know that normal service has been resumed. One electrifying Saturday night in May, the restaurant was full when bang! - the fuses blew.

60 shocked but cool customers simply continued to enjoy their meal by candlelight! Who says the spirit of romance is dead?

Skating to Success

Many congratulations to Edward Hammond of Cragside. The Year 7 student at Sedgefield Community College took part in the Pre-Novice British National Ice Skating competition, gaining the silver medal.

One of only 3 boys in the country to reach the qualifying standard by the correct age, Edward has now been selected for the British Junior Development Squad and will go to a 5 day Squad camp in Sheffield for training and monitoring.

There's a strong possibility of International Competition if things go well, but it will be costly, so the family will seek sponsorship. Edward is trained at Billingham Forum by Alex Jones.

A message from Rev. Martin King

Please help save AMINA LAWAL from being stoned to death on 3rd June

For those of you who are "online" and have not received an email from me please accept this as an URGENT request to help to save the life of Amina Lawal. The Nigerian Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence for Amina Lawal, condemned for the crime of adultery on August 19th 2002, to be buried up to her neck and stoned to death. Her death was postponed so that she could continue to nurse her baby. Execution is now set for June 3rd.

If you haven't been following this case, you might like to know that Amina's baby is regarded as the 'evidence' of her adultery. The father denied everything when he realised the trouble he was in. Amina's case is being handled by the Spanish branch of Amnesty International, which is attempting to put together enough signatures to make the Nigerian government rescind the death sentence. A similar campaign saved another Nigerian woman, Safiya, condemned in similar circumstances.

By March 4th, the petition had amassed over 2,600,000 signatures. It will only take you a few seconds to sign Amnesty's online petition. Go to the web page www.amnistia.org/safiya and enter your first name in the space marked "nombre" and last name in "apellidos". Complete county ("provincia") & country - in the drop down box pick Reino Unido (United Kingdom). Then click on "Seguir" and go to the second page. There you have the option of entering your email address if you wish to receive follow-up information. In any case, be sure to click on "aceptar" to have your name added to the petition list. Please sign the petition now, then copy this message into a new email and send it to everyone in your address book. Thank you.

Sedgefield Teenage Health Clinic

at Sedgefield surgery on Monday afternoons in term time from 3.30pm - 5pm

A **confidential** service for the young people of Sedgefield and surrounding villages. Advice on healthy eating, skincare, stopping smoking, alcohol, puberty, relationships, friendship, bullying, contraception, any anxieties or worries.

Separate waiting room - no advance booking - just walk straight past reception & follow signs to the waiting room.

Bring a friend if you wish.

We welcome anyone from year 7 up, at any school, and you **don't have to be registered** at Sedgefield surgery.

Library News - CD collection in store

You can now borrow up to 6 CD's at a time, at a cost of £1 per CD or 3 for £2.50.

If we don't have the CD of your choice it can be ordered for you - usual reservation fees apply - 70p Adult, 35p Senior Citizen. For further details please ask in the Library or telephone 620103.

Also, look out for this month's **Queen Victoria Display** in the Library.

Just Joking?

An aircraft is about to crash with 5 passengers on board, but unfortunately only 4 parachutes. The 1st passenger says, "I'm Shaquille O'Neill, the best NBA basketball player. The Lakers need me, it would be unfair to them if I died." So he takes a parachute and jumps.

The 2nd passenger, Hillary Clinton, says, "I'm the wife of the former President of the United States, the most dedicated woman in the world, a Senator in New York and one of America's potential future Presidents." She takes a parachute and jumps.

The 3rd passenger, George W Bush says, "I am the President of the United States. I have a huge responsibility in world politics and apart from that, I am the most intelligent President in the history of the nation. I have a responsibility to my people not to die." So he takes a parachute and jumps.

The 4th passenger, the Pope, says to the 5th, a 10 year old schoolboy, "I'm already old. I've lived a good life as a priest. I'll give you the last parachute."

The boy replies, "No problem your holiness - there's a spare parachute here. America's most intelligent President has taken my schoolbag..."

Sedgefield Players - Festival Results

The Players have returned from their annual visit to the Isle of Man Easter Drama Festival with three more trophies to their credit.

"My Mother Said I Never Should" by Charlotte Keatley, came third against competition from seven groups from across the UK and Ireland. The production also won the award for costumes and Norma Neal was named Best Actress for the role of Margaret. This was the fifth time Norma has won the award, which has come to Sedgefield no less than eight times in recent years. Director Walter Howell was delighted with the result, which put Sedgefield Players in the top rank of amateur theatre once again.

The group recently hosted the North-Eastern final of the All England Theatre Festival, when groups from Humberside and York as well as the Players competed for a place in the Northern final of this national knock-out competition. Sedgefield Players reprised their hard-hitting production of "The Trial", which had won Sedgefield Festival in September. Ferriby Dramatic Society presented Act 2 of "Me and My Friend" - a powerfully emotional piece by Gillian Plowman which portrays two women with psychological problems caused by their past lives trying to cope with life in the world outside the hospital where they had met and forged a friendship. The Rowntree Players from York performed "Bogey", also dealing with people relying on each other to struggle through life - this time two men, one of whom believes he is Humphrey Bogart. Martin Hunter in this role won the award for Best Performer, while Ferriby won Best Production and went on to the Northern Final at York.

Adjudicator Chris Jaeger from Worcester, a member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators, remarked on the very high standard of performance from all three teams as well as Sedgefield Players' professional and friendly organisation.

Community Safety

with contributions from Victim Support, Neighbourhood Watch, Police, Road Safety Group & the Primary Care Trust



PC Todd reports

It's not often that Sedgefield is the victim of serious crime, but the two crimes I will mention this month are serious in their own way.

The first involves a farmer who was trying to protect his property. He received severe leg injuries when the vehicle he stopped on his land ran over him, as the criminals inside refused to wait, after the farmer had sent for the police. They were arrested later on and are awaiting criminal proceedings. I wish the farmer a speedy recovery.

The second incident concerns a daylight theft of 30 domestic boilers, valued at £15,000. The thieves slashed the side canopy of a HGV parked in the industrial estate. Using a forklift truck, they removed 6 pallets of boilers. They must have had a large enough vehicle nearby, but funny enough no one noticed anything, nor did anyone realise that a theft was taking place.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT in your area. Report anything suspicious to the police immediately. Until next time,

Keith



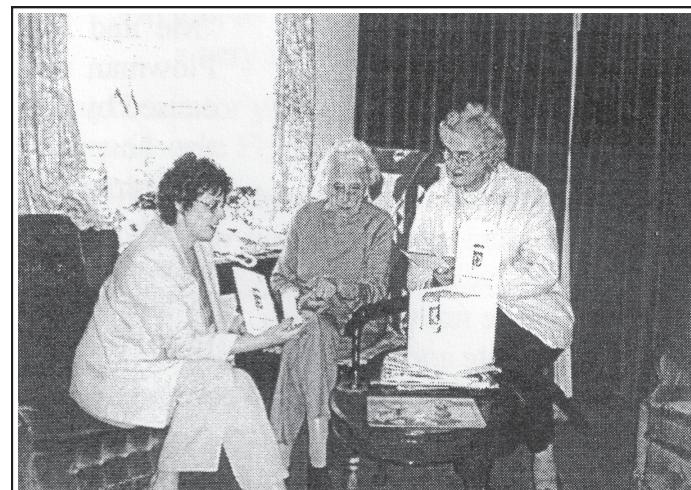
Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch & Crime Watch Panel



We will be taking questions (in writing please) for our meeting in August, when you will be able to present them to the Chief Constable of Durham, but only if you have submitted them at our June meeting - see Diary page for details.

Any question MUST have a NHW basis.

Age Concern have launched their Message in a bottle campaign and made a presentation to Mrs Nan Bradley of Bradbury, *who at the age of 91* has offered to distribute them in her village!



Kathleen Young (left) of Age Concern, presenting the flasks to Nan Bradley, (centre) with Elizabeth Crabtree looking on

Our own **DataLink Flask-in-the-Fridge** scheme is on-going, with flasks available from the Medical Centre, Chemist, Library and Parish Hall (between 9.30am & 12noon, Mon to Fri).

If you don't have one already please ask.

DON'T FORGET - keep doors locked when you are working outside. The opportune thief is about and would love to visit you! If you see anyone mooching about on a neighbouring property, report it to the police. They would rather respond to a chance call-out than have to deal with the aftermath of a crime.

If you have any doubts ring Community Force on 01388 721351

Access to Banking Services

Campaign Group fears return to mass bank branch closures

Sedgefield has recently been one of 10 places in the country piloting the 'shared banking' scheme, letting us use the only local bank, Barclays, to access accounts held at other banks. But now the British Bankers Association has announced that the experiment will shortly be wound up. The Campaign for Community Banking (CCBS) is very critical of the way the scheme was set up and promoted, saying the opportunity to trial shared banking properly has been wasted.

Sedgefield News is interested to hear your opinions and/or experience of the scheme, and concerned individuals can contact Derek French, Director of the CCBS, on **01582 764760** (phone & Fax).

Cook's Corner - Rhubarb Spiral Cobbler

Ingredients to serve 4

675g/1½lb rhubarb, sliced
4 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons orange juice
1½ cups self-raising flour
2 tablespoons caster sugar
1 cup natural yoghurt
Grated rind of 1 medium orange
2 tablespoons Demerara sugar
1 teaspoons ground ginger
*Preheat oven to 200°C
400°F/Gas mark 6*

Method

Cook rhubarb, sugar and orange juice in a covered pan until tender. Tip into an ovenproof dish. For the topping, mix flour and caster sugar, then stir in enough yoghurt to make dough. Roll out on a floured surface to a 10in square. Mix the orange rind, Demerara sugar and ginger, and sprinkle over the dough. Roll up quite tightly, then cut into about 10 slices using a sharp knife. Arrange the slices over the rhubarb. Bake in oven for 15-20 mins or until the spirals are well-risen and golden brown. Serve warm with yoghurt or custard.

*Nutrition values (per portion)
Energy 320Kcals/1343kj, Fat
1.2g Saturated fat 0.34g*

Mrs Emma Lockey (nee Readman)

Would Mrs Emma Lockey, ex-nurse at Sedgefield Hospital, or anyone knowing her whereabouts, please contact Mrs B. Stoneman on 01642 665605 (daytime) or 01642 893464 (evenings). Mrs Doris Hodgson (nee Trenholm) would like to make contact with her.

Road Safety Group: Speed kills; kill your Speed

Members of the committee will meet County Councillor Ken Manton and a DCC Highways Officer early in June to discuss your suggestions to make Sedgefield a safer place for pedestrians.

Elderly and disabled people have complained that they find it difficult to get across the main roads in the village, especially during busy periods. It is particularly difficult for people who cannot see very well or who cannot make a dash for the opposite pavement at the appearance of an oncoming vehicle. Many places now have 20mph speed limits in built up areas - would this help us? Elderly and disabled people have also asked for islands on Stockton Road and West End, to make crossing easier. There has been a suggestion that a Pelican crossing to replace the Zebra crossing would be safer for visually impaired people and children. A Pelican crossing has the added advantage of audible sound and a flashing green man signalling that it is safe to cross - particularly important since there is no longer a crossing supervisor to guide school children across the road.

As the trend is towards a more elderly population and people find it more difficult to get about, it is important that issues of road safety are addressed sooner rather than later. People value their independence and it is important that we have systems in place to help people to move easily and safely about the village. We will discuss all these points with Ken Manton and report back to you in next month's Sedgefield News.

Linda Byrne

National Service

In '53 there came to me

A letter from the MoD

The Queen decrees that you should be
A soldier in the RAC

My call-up papers came & then
I reported to the army men

The corporal, he was six feet three
A "drillpig" in the Household Cavalry

"Well now, my lads" the corporal said
"We'll sort you out, give you a bed"
Tomorrow morn you'll hear reveille

At 6am you'll rise and rally

"GET ON PARADE!"
next morn he shouted

A friendly man, I never doubted
"We'll feed you well,"
he said with glee

Would you like me to bring you
a cup of tea?

The cookhouse was a lot of fun
Beans on toast and a Chelsea bun
Sausages fried and sausages roasted
We even had them ruddy toasted

"Did you shave this morning?"
the corporal cried

"Yes corporal!" I said -
he knew I lied.

He marched behind to check my hair
"To the barber shop, he'll
trim you bare"

50 years gone by, like yesterday
to me it seems
I sit and have my wistful dreams
If only I could start again

South Durham ABC

Success for Sedgefield Boxers

The Bolton Boxing Cup, held recently for the first time in England, saw boxers from Scandinavia, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England competing with one another.

South Durham ABC came home with 2 Golds & 3 Silvers and all our boxers, including Paul Warnett & Jeff Saunders from Sedgefield, getting through to the finals.

South Durham have just been to the ABA championship and can now boast 2 North East Champions.

Well done all!

20% OFF washable nappies

Sedgefield Borough Council, in association with Lollipop Children's Products, is offering a **special 20% discount** on some of the top, most reliable brands of washable nappies.

Using washable nappies instead of disposables could help you SAVE £600 over 30 months

For more information contact Moira Neish on 01642 570641 or moira.neish@btopenworld.com



For Service and Enterprise

Local Agenda 21

KERB-IT Sedgefield Borough Council's new recycling scheme could help recycle 7500 tonnes of waste per year. That's almost enough to fill a swimming pool every week!

With luck, by now you should all have used your new kerbside recycling box for the first time. At present Sedgefield lies in the bottom 25% of the country with respect to recycling, but through the *Kerb-it* scheme we should shoot up the ranking and meet Government targets ahead of schedule. We currently recycle about 1700 tonnes of waste through recycling sites and the House2House paper scheme. If everyone participated on the *Kerb-it* scheme we estimate 7500 tonnes could be recycled - equivalent to 1000 double-decker buses. The leaflet delivered with your box should answer most of your queries, but the table below covers some of the most frequently asked questions.

Anyone still waiting for their box should phone the Helpline on 01325 372220.

Why such a small box?	The shape and design of boxes has been the result of much testing and practical experience. Literally millions of households already receive box collections. If the box were much bigger then it would be too heavy to lift for both the householder and recycling collectors. If you have more material than will fit in the box, it can be placed in a bag or cardboard box and will be taken away at the same time your box is emptied. If you find that you regularly put out more than one box worth a second one can be provided by phoning the Helpline on 01325 372220.
Where's the lid?	The box does not need a lid. If the material gets wet it does not matter, (paper when recycled is pulped and mixed with gallons of water). If every box had a lid the collections would take longer increasing the cost of the service. Lids are easily blown away, misplaced or lost. Without a lid the boxes are less attractive as a storage box for toys and tools.
The box is too heavy to lift	Anyone with assisted collections for their wheeled bin will automatically receive an assisted collection for their kerbside box. Assisted collections for the kerbside box only may be available under special circumstances. Please phone Contract Services on 01388 816166 for an assessment.
The box was not collected	The service is being provided by a separate crew and vehicle to the refuse collections and will follow a different route so all boxes should be out by 7am to ensure collection. If the box has genuinely been missed, if reported by midday it will be emptied by 5.00 pm the same day and if reported by 5.00pm it will be emptied by midday the following day.
What happens to all the materials?	The glass is colour sorted and recycled into new glass containers. Metals are sorted into aluminium and steel and smelted into new metal ingots. Newspapers and magazines are recycled into newsprint or packaging material.

Mining History

If you would like to learn about our mining heritage, a series of free courses has just started at Trimdon Library on **Tuesday mornings from 10-12 noon**. You can research any part of the tradition, from a particular mine to the life of a miner's wife, from lead mining in the west to coal in the east.

The three levels are Basic Local Mining History, Advanced Local Mining History, and Oral History. Support staff are there to help at the Library as well as Records Offices, archives and museums.

Contact Janet Hughes 0191 3834478, or e-mail info@durham-miner.org.uk

If you have any further questions please phone the Helpline on 01325 372220 or Oliver Priestley-Leach, Sedgefield Borough Council Waste Management Officer on 01388 816166



Brisk trade at Sedgefield's first Farmers' Market on Mediaeval Fayre day.



*Dears',
Vintage
Wedding Cars
of Hartlepool,
very kindly
provided this
lovely old
Austin Ascot
Cabriolet
at the
eleventh hour,
for the equally
lovely
May Queen &
her assistants.*

and after Mediaeval Fayre - Proms in the Park

Ceddesfeld Hall grounds open at 4.30pm on the 14th, for the start of the event at 5.30. A full and varied programme compèred by Ernie Gilchrist should cater for every taste, from Big Band sounds to a Big Bang Finale! Organisers hope for a steel band start, then there's Tees Valley Youth Brass Band, classical musicians George Welch & Stewart Hardy and the riotous Happy Cats, with ex-Lindisfarne saxophonist Marty Craggs.

Flossie will play popular easy listening music and the Skiprats take you back – costumes and all – to Elvis, Johnny Cash and other 50's legends. The John Wrightson Band will be here with old favourites and up to the minute releases, and Vera Davison reprises her Jubilee year rôle with traditional operatic songs heralding the Grand Firework Finale. So let's hope for some flaming June weather and the stage is set for a great evening in the finest setting Sedgefield has to offer.

Public Meeting Considers Priorities

There was a good turn out at the Sedgefield Development Partnership open meeting in Rectory Row School on 30th April, to consider what can and should be done with the findings of the Community Appraisal 2002. These were some of the suggestions -

Housing survey needed

particularly low cost homes for young adults and bungalows for the elderly.
Can we involve a Housing Association?

Youth facilities

Councils and voluntary groups should work together to re-establish a youth club, with an alcohol free café.
We need youth workers (& training for youth workers) a detached youth worker, info & help to reach leisure opportunities outside Sedgefield, more film nights & music events
Outdoor space/shelter, specially for young people

Litter

Councils & businesses, especially fast food outlets & pubs, could provide more litter bins.
More dog dirt bins too!
Can we organise wardens to mingle, inform, educate and impose fines, as is being pioneered in Darlington?

Speeding

Should SDP buy a portable speed indicator to warn drivers of their speed?
Would Neighbourhood Watch take it out to the key roads in Mordon and Bradbury as well as Sedgefield?

Environment

It was felt that the balance between the effort to make the centre look good for Northumbria in Bloom and the effort needed to remove broken glass, litter & graffiti from cuts, lanes and other approaches to the centre, could be shifted more to the latter

Premises

Need more premises for community uses (see youth). Workspace needed for business in town centre as well as space on industrial estate.
High price of housing is squeezing out other uses required by a balanced community.
Parish Hall must be renewed

Recreation

Swimming pool still the most widely requested facility.
Other small communities have done it – innovative thinking needed! Can Community College become engaged?
Can SDP & Lifelong Learning work with sports clubs to improve coaching?
Demand for bowling green still strong: not just for old folks!
Skate boarding park - does Community College need convincing/support?

Other Topics debated

Bell's corner is dangerous. Can it be closed to traffic? Is there another solution?
How do we get Broadband to our community? More information (up-to-date) on more notice boards
Town Council must find a way to re-open public conveniences Better winter salting of roads
People would like to have more scrutiny of plans and proposals & more involvement in the Town Plan
Better use of Eden Drive, Winterton Green and other large open spaces for sport, play & recreation

The Development Partnership and other voluntary groups can help with some of these. However the meeting also wanted to see the Borough and County partner the community in their ambitions. There were strong calls for the Town Council to be involved in this debate. As there were no councillors present on this occasion, it was felt that they should arrange to hear a report of the community's aspirations.

Cyber-Café Update With the support of Sedgefield Town Council, the Development Partnership is working to create a Learning Resource Centre in the part of the Advice & Information Centre that used to be the Community Action Project. A number of enquiries have been received about this, so it was decided to publicise plans at an earlier stage than usual - normal practice is to wait until project funding is assured. If funding support is won, they hope to provide a small cyber-café on 3 nights a week.

Lifelong Learning: Dawn of a new era!

I visited Dawn Walker at work because she was keen to tell us what Lifelong Learning has done for her. This is her story.



"It was mid November last year when I noticed your photo in Sedgefield News and recognised you from the pub. I had spoken to my general manager Peter, before about doing a marketing course but we didn't know which course, where to go, or where I wanted to

go with my job. So I asked your advice and you got me the leaflets and advised me the best place to start. We thought the best option would be through the LCCI to start with.

I applied to head office - they obviously have to know what everyone is doing - then sat down with my General Manager and worked out how I could gain enough knowledge and experience, by working at different branches, head office and various departments to achieve the Institute of Marketing Charter. It was then my life started to change. At work we employ nearly 200 people and they all want to know why I am visiting other sites and getting involved with other departments. I simply say it's because the company respects the fact that I want to improve myself. I have a clear idea of what I want to do and how I am going to do it and

they have supported me and opened up new opportunities for me because they know it will benefit them as well as me.

My personal life has changed too. I feel more self-confident and I'm excited about the future. Mum and Dad are pleased that I have a clear goal now, and I would like to thank them, along with Peter, for their support.

I think this story shows how people can change their lives, given the help and guidance they need from others. I wish Dawn every success in the future and she knows she can always call on me for support. And so can anyone who reads this. Just give me a ring or call in. We can do a Career Health Check and talk about learning opportunities. If it's difficult for you to come here I'll call and see you.

Bob Harris.

*Lifelong Learning Coordinator
Tel 629011*

New learning resources for exam students

The exam season is upon us - a stressful time for the younger members of our community. They need all the support and re-assurance we can offer so you may be pleased to know that Lifelong Learning has obtained a selection of CD-ROMs on a wide range of subjects. See the chart

on the right for details of subjects and levels available.

We hope they will be useful study aids for anyone who needs a little extra help.

The CDs are limited in number but they are available to borrow

on a weekly basis from:

**the Lifelong Learning Office,
Advice & Information Centre
(near doctors' surgery)
Ask for Bob or Simon.**

Courses Coming up This Month

21/5	Basic Sewing	1:30 to 3:30pm at the Library	10 weeks
10/6	Desktop Publishing	6 to 8pm at Community College	8 weeks
11/6	Basic Food Hygiene	6:30 to 8:30pm at Parish Hall	3 weeks
11/6	Introduction to Computers	6 to 8pm, Community Coll.	8 weeks
12/6	Presentation Techniques	5:30 to 7pm Community Coll.	5 weeks

Places are limited so please phone Bob or Simon to book your place or for any further details. **Tel 629011**

Key Stages	GCSE	English	Physics
Level 1 Maths	Maths	History	Chemistry
Level 1 English	Physics	Geography	Biology
Level 1 ITC	Chemistry	IT	Statistics
Level 2 Maths	Biology	Electronics	Mechanics
Level 2 Science	German	Music	Geography
Level 3 Maths	Spanish	'A' Level	Business Studies
Level 3 English	French	Pure Maths	

Sponsored Abseil Challenge 2003

Saturday 14th June

*Bounce down the full height of
St Edmund's Church Tower!*



Raise pots of money for

Macmillan Cancer Relief & Macmillan Nurses
and help the **Friends of St Edmunds** too.

Find £50 (minimum) sponsorship and pay
£5 registration fee, for expert training
& supervision from '**Keko Experience**' -
specialists in outdoor based training.

Enjoy the thrill of a lifetime!

For sponsorship forms & further details
contact Brian Mutch, on 622302

Sedgefield Local History Society

meets on the first Monday of each month
at 7.45 in Ceddesfeld Hall, and warmly welcomes
new members and guests.

Our aim is to promote interest and
encourage research into any aspect of local history,
and we have speakers on a wide range of topics.

We also organise social events and trips to
sites of historic interest.

Our next meeting is on **Monday June 2nd**, when
Paul Johnson of Tees Archeology will speak on

**"Catcote and Hartlepool" -
Life and Times of the Romano Iron Age.**

Catcote is a long term research project run by
Tees Archeology, in conjunction with
Durham and Leeds Universities.
Do join us for what promises to be
a very interesting evening.

The next date for your diaries is **Monday July 7th**,
when George Flynn will talk about "Castles".

**For further details contact Helen Clifford-Brown
on 621686 - or just turn up to the next meeting**

June DIARY

Promote your events -
Announcements are **free** to non-commercial organisations

The Tyne-Tees Vehicle Run

on Sunday 1st June,
passes through Sedgefield
after leaving
Stockton Market Place at 9.30am,
en-route to South Shields
Over 200 vehicles taking part!

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 3rd June
Beamish Clematis Nursery
with a talk on propagation by
Mr Colin Brown
Meet Ceddesfeld Hall at 6.30pm
Transport by car, lifts available

Tues. July 1st @ 7.30pm
'Shrubs' with Mr Dinning
Tel: Christine Wass - **621504**

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 4th June @ 7.15pm
Jean McGranahan
"60 Years of Fashion
1900 - 1960"
The competition is for a piece of
Costume Jewellery
Visitors are always welcome

Crime Watch Panel & Neighbourhood Watch

All for One & One for All

Next meeting is on
Tuesday 10th June at 7pm
in the Fletcher Room
Please do come along

Proms in the Park

on June 14th

Tickets are still available at £10
from Ceddesfeld Hall Bar,
Town Council Offices or
John & Maxine Robinson 621042

Positive Youth Project Film Nights

June 20th Sedgefield Parish Hall
June 21st Mordon Village Hall

Disney's

The Treasure Planet

Don't miss it!

'U' certificate - Entrance £1.50

Sedgefield Family History Group

Monday 16th June
at 7:45pm
at Ceddesfeld Hall

Mrs Pat Labistour
from Robin Hood's Bay
"A Rum Do"
Guests welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 17th June
in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
a demonstration by
Kathleen Marlor
of Crawcrook
**"Enchanted by the
Changing Scene"**
Everyone is very welcome.

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 26th June

A Guided Walk to
Thrislington Quarry
National Nature Reserve
with Countryside Officer
Jonathan Elmer

**Meet at 7pm outside
Parish Hall to arrange lifts**

Some SLYC Singing!

Come to Ceddesfeld Hall on
Saturday 28th June
10am-12noon
for Coffee & Entertainment
or on
Sunday 29th June at 8pm
to relax with a drink &
enjoy some great songs from
Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir

WI Market in Sedgefield Parish Hall

**Friday mornings 9.30-11am
during school term**

Cakes, pastries, preserves,
EE Eggs, crafts, handmade cards,
plants & garden produce.

Meet friends for tea or coffee
We would love to see you!

Sedgefield Cricket Club Fixture List

Home matches in June

'A' Division
Sat 7th - S' field v Mainsforth
Sat 14th - v Kimblesworth
Sat 21st - v Langley Park

'B' Division
Sun 15th - v Esh Winning
Sat 28th v Etherley

3rd Team
Sun 22nd - S' field v Swalwell

Action packed futures 2003 Free 'Green' Fun!

at the
Riverside Cricket Ground
Chester-le-Street

Sunday 22nd June 11am - 3pm

Fashion, Music, Arts, Crafts,
Storytelling, Massage &
Meditation Workshops

Walks in the Nature Reserve
Local Organic Food Tasting
Fair-trade Goods on sale

A 'virtual village' &
interactive displays showing
**how to use green technology in
everyday life**

Hands-on activities to help us
make informed choices in
shopping, leisure & travel.

Contact Karin Johnson at
Sedgefield Borough Council
Tel: 01288 816166 ex. 4319

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Gig List for June - 8pm start

4th - *The Princess Alice, M'bro*
7th - *Houghton-le-Spring Cricket Club*
13th - *The Normanby Hotel*
14th - *The Sun Inn, Newbottle*
15th - *The Princess Alice, M'bro*
20th - *Dr. Browns, M'bro &*
29th - Crosshills, Sedgefield
Live session being recorded for
Radio Cleveland this month,
for broadcast later this year!

Your Letters

Joined-up...

...collaboration, partnership, best value etc. etc. All words used by those holding the purse strings and the power of decision making on our behalf. Well, how joined-up are we, with three Councils all delivering different services for us? Take our problem on Old Beacon Lane. Over the week up to and including Easter weekend we had our first 'travellers' visit of the year, resulting in many local people not feeling comfortable walking in the area. I am told the group were from the Cleveland area. They obviously decided the cemetery in Beacon Lane was the ideal place for their Easter break, coming prepared with gas barbecues, garden chairs, umbrellas, kennels etc. As before, they ran circles round local police, telling them they would leave after 2 days, then 4 days and eventually leaving on the 11th day. The police obviously have different laws for such travellers. Unlike locals, they are not given fixed penalty fines for parking in a restricted area, for dog fouling, fly-tipping or using the area as a public toilet, despite notices indicating such fines. The Town Council are going to considerable expense to place boulders on the edge of the cemetery to try to prevent further camping, but this leaves the rest of the lane vulnerable. Durham County Council still refuses to implement a low cost, permanent solution to the problem – lockable barriers to restrict access. The issue costs a fortune in police and council time, let alone costs of cleaning up afterwards. Is this 'best value' from joined-up councils? The recent elections must have surely sent some clear messages to those who show arrogance and ignore local wishes.

Julia Bowles

Hardwick Country Park

The time-tabling for various elements of the restoration work must take the ecology of the park into account, so the plan to extract some of the non-indigenous timber is on 'hold' until the Autumn in order to eliminate even the slightest risk of disturbing any Great Crested Newts. But I would like to reassure visitors that the County Council's commitment to the restoration is unchanged. This autumn will see the re-siting of the car parks & a start on the work to restore the big lake. The vision of a park restored to its 18th century beauty remains alive & well. However to bend a well-known saying - 'man proposes but the ecology disposes' – which we are sure is how our visitors would wish it.

Mark Rothery

All good things...

The coffee mornings we have been holding in the Parish Hall on Thursdays have come to an end, but during the last few months we have raised the princely sum of £1558 towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall! What exactly we will spend it on we have not decided, so we will wait until we know what will be done with the hall, then call a meeting/coffee morning for regular customers and make the decision together.

Thanks to you all for your custom, and special thanks to Edith Ferguson for her valued assistance in covering for holidays and sickness whilst we were running the coffee mornings. **Josie and Judith**

NOTICE Community Empowerment Network Representative

Following the resignation, on health grounds, of David Hillerby from the post of CEN rep for Sedgefield, a new election has been held. Colin Richmond of 48 Spring Lane Sedgefield, tel.623110, has been elected to the post. Colin's rôle is to liaise between the Network and voluntary organisations in Sedgefield.

A note of thanks...

... To all the residents of Sedgefield who I have had the honour and pleasure to serve as a Borough Councillor. I was very disappointed not to be chosen to stand as a candidate in the recent elections to represent you once more. Over the last 4 years I have supported you on aspects of planning and development, local road safety & environmental issues such as dog fouling, gritting of roads and the on-going 'unlawful camping' problem. All these affect the everyday life of residents and are core duties for a Councillor. I could not have done this work without your confidence in my ability to serve you and represent your views. I will continue to work for Sedgefield through my work in the community and voluntary sector. Thanks once more.

Gloria Wills

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