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Sedgefield NEWS

June 2008

Butterwick Midnight walk, TV Celebs walk for Hospice



Dawn Thewlis and Pam Royle give us a preview of their Midnight Walk T-shirts. Why not register and join in this unusual and worthwhile event. See story for entry details.

Pam Royle & Dawn Thewlis of North East Tonight will be taking part in the Butterwick Midnight Walk on Saturday 14th June 2008 to raise vital funds for Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland, Adult Hospice Stockton and Butterwick House Children's Hospice.

Pam & Dawn say, "We are looking forward to the walk and hope many more women join us. Neither of us have done a Midnight Walk before so it will be a new experience. We will be bringing a TV camera too and hope to film and chat with as many women as possible on the walk. If you're going to be with us we'd like to hear from you, why you are walking for the Butterwick Hospice and what it means to you too."

With only a few weeks to go, walkers are urged to register as soon as possible.

Walkers will enjoy a live band at the start of the evening followed by a warm-up session with Total Fitness instructors and Catterick Army fitness instructors who will march the ladies to the start.

Various visual entertainment and refreshments will encourage our walkers. Everyone who completes the walk receives a medal and a well earned breakfast butty.

To enter go to www.butterwick.org.uk and download an entry form or contact the Butterwick Fundraising Office of 01642 628 930. Entry fee is £12.50 including t-shirt, refreshments, breakfast and a medal. We also ask each walker to raise as much sponsorship as they can.

For more information please contact the Fundraising Department on 01642 628930.

Congratulations to the Sedgefield News Spring Photosearch winners.

On the left is Andrew Gill who won the "Places" category and on the right is Angela Fothergill, who won the "People" category. They are holding their winner's certificates.



Please note our **new** email address, sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

Parachuting Bears

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA in conjunction with the Friends of St Edmund's are holding a Teddy bear Extravaganza from 4pm on Saturday June 21st. There will be a rare chance to let your intrepid teddy bear parachute off the tower of St Edmund's church. There is no age limit for teddies or owners but only brave bears should attempt*! Parachutes, harnesses and encouragement will be provided. We hope Teddy Aid won't be necessary.

It will cost £2.50 for the first attempt and £1.50 for subsequent drops – no limit to the amount of tries. Why not get all the family to send their favourite teddy and see which one has the best style? In addition to this exciting opportunity, there will be a variety of other stalls and activities to entertain all the family, teddies included. We hope to have a Treasure hunt, face painting and games available. Why not bring along a picnic so your teddies get the chance to make new friends and tuck into tasty treats.

Proceeds will be shared between the new lighting fund for Friends of St Edmund's and the play equipment fund for the school PTFA. We are grateful to Specsavers Stockton for their kind donation of umbrellas for parachutes. To register in advance for a reduced fee of £2 or for more information call Alison Etheridge on 01740 622839 or send your money to Alison at 1 The Orchard (cheques payable to Sedgefield Primary School PTFA please.)

*We cannot accept responsibility for traumatised or otherwise damaged bears.

Wigglets celebrate their first birthday!

Wigglets was created a year ago with the first class on the 5th of June in the Parish Hall last year. There are now two classes in Sedgefield on a Tuesday morning, two classes in Stockton and another class in Darlington. There is soon to be a third class in Sedgefield on Thursday afternoons from the 19th of June. Between the five classes, over 50 children attending each week.

Wigglets classes are aimed to get the children and the adults, singing, dancing and having fun with music **together**. Wigglets has a different theme every half term such as jungle, weather and transport, which make the classes fun and nurtures the child's imagination, as everyone gets a chance to be a snake, or a bird, or even a train!

The classes last for 40-45 minutes, and always include singing, action songs, imaginative movement, instruments and nursery rhymes, plus a calm down time at the end to chill out and relax.

Marie Walker has lived in the Sedgefield area for 32 years and has a 9 year old son and twin girls who are 4 years old. Her children have been her inspiration for Wigglets and the girls even try to help her write the songs, and have their own Wigglets class every week!

At the end of each half term Wigglets has a one off special theme, this week they had a 'Party' theme to celebrate the end of the first year of Wigglets.

Appeal for memorabilia and Event Detail

The Sedgefield Village Veterans Group would like to thank those people who have already loaned memorabilia for the Britain's Small Wars 1950-1984 Event on 28/29th June (see diary for timing). If anyone else has any other items of interest we could use or would like to assist the event by sharing their own or their relatives experiences on either day please contact 01740 623654. The event will cover actions in Malaya (1948-1960), Korea (1950-1953), Cyprus (1955-1959), Suez (1956), Aden (1955-1967) Falkland Islands (1982) in addition there will be illustrated talks by veterans from the village about their National Service Days.

We look forward to seeing both young and not so young people from Sedgefield and the surrounding area. A reminder to any former service personnel who have not yet applied for their Veterans Badge, contact 01740 623654 for assistance.

DIDO's first Birthday Party

We are meeting on 2nd June for our 1st Birthday, at Hare Hills Lodge, for a Garden Party.

Please wear flat shoes and an appropriate hat – suitable for a 'Mrs Bouquet' afternoon tea!!! Prize for the Best Hat.

Pick up points in the village with the Communicare Bus are Thurlow Grange, Parish Hall and the Trees Estate, between 1.15pm and 1.30pm

Line Dancing is at the usual time of 12.00 in the Parish Hall, before the 'party'.

The Wigglets Tuesday 9.30am class - with their party hats on!



Sedgefield and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show

Do You Want To Take Up The Challenge?

Schedules Are Now Available

Once again, a full range of competitions, displays and exhibitions are being arranged for this year's Show, which will be held on 9th August 2008, in the Robert Brown Showfield, West Park, Sedgefield.

Schedules are now available and in addition to agricultural classes for cattle, sheep and horses and following last year's success, the Heavy Horse category returns in 2008. Other categories include, dog agility, vintage tractors, small livestock, dog show, floral display, horticulture and home & handicrafts.

Entries are invited for the 'Build a Scarecrow Competition' where participants will compete for the 'Oliver Scarecrow Cup', courtesy of Ann and Norman Oliver.

The food hall returns again with a range of local and regional delicacies on offer and demonstrations from award winning chef, Kevin Roxby. In the horticultural tent visitors will be able to enjoy a floral art demonstration as well as being able to view vegetable, flower and farm produce entries.

For those who would like to take in the beautiful surrounding countryside, there is also the Sedgefield Serpentine race and new for this year, a Family Fun Run is being organised.

Hairy Handbags will make their debut at this year's Show and proprietor, Rose Taylor will have a range of totally unique and individually handcrafted bags and accessories on display in the craft tent. Glamorous Bra Straps make a welcome return, along with many other unique and individual craft stands.

The Show has seen a year on year increase from businesses wishing to support the show and this year the Committee are yet again, expecting an increase in interest to exhibit at the Show. A vast range of goods and services are expected from air conditioning to ride-on lawnmowers and pet foods to cars.

After last year's huge success with Show visitors, the Show once again sees the return of Keith Turner & Sons Funfair with attractions to entertain all ages.

Entries are welcomed from anyone who would like to take up the challenge to compete in any of the categories for this year's show.

Schedules are available from Barclays Bank, The Post Office, The Village Library, local businesses in the Sedgefield area or by contacting Show Secretary, Mr Brian Woodward on 01740 620 431.

Support from other organisations is always welcome and new ideas will always be considered. Without the continuing support of the many local businesses and individuals who take part each year, it would not be possible to hold an event of this size.

CONTACT: For further information, please contact Ian Mason, Sedgefield Show Chairman on T: 01740 621841, E: brantaone@hotmail.co.uk

UPDATE ON THE NEW DENTAL HEALTH CENTRE.

BURGESS & HYDER
DENTAL GROUP

We have made considerable progress during the last month on the new Dental Health Centre.

We are hoping for an open date of sometime during the month of August and all of us at Burgess-Hyder Dental Group are excited about our new site in the village. The practice will be state of the art and will include digital imaging, the latest IT software, and all surgeries will be equipped with the latest technology.

Burgess-Hyder Dental Group have an excellent track record when it comes to high quality NHS Dentistry, and we are fully committed to NHS Dental Services, this is why we are one of the largest suppliers of Dental Health Care in the North East. We are honoured that Barry Cockcroft, Chief Dental Officer of the UK, will be opening the practice in September.

We are still taking expressions of interest with regards to patient's wishing to join the practice. This can be done by contacting our Ferryhill site on: 01740 651124

Community SAFETY

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel

Shed & Garden Equipment - Security Alert!

Many people take a great deal of time and effort to secure their house and the property within whilst at the same time neglecting the valuable property in the shed or around the garden. Often the shed is unlocked or so "insecure" and run down that it would pose no problem for even the amateur thief. During the summer months our area regularly experiences an increase in thefts from garden sheds and also the garden itself.

What can you do?

1. Ensure your shed is in good condition.
2. Fit a good substantial lock to the shed door. The fitting for the lock should be bolted through the door of the shed and reinforced at the back with a steel plate. The hasp should have concealed screws or coach bolts fitted. Don't forget the hinges should be secured also with non returnable screws or coach bolts. The lock should be 2.5" in width and made of hardened steel. It should be a closed-shackle type which will reduce the risk of the lock being forced or bolt-cropped.
3. Fit any shed widows with a grill and a cover (internally to thwart prying eyes).
4. Security mark property such as lawnmowers, garden furniture, even tools.
5. Never leave items unattended, even to pop into the house. You may only be gone a few minutes, but they might be gone forever.
6. If you leave items such as cycles in your shed make sure they are security marked and secure them to the shed's structure, just as you would if you were leaving your cycle in a public place.
7. Install either a "Dusk to Dawn" or a "PIR" Security Light to illuminate your garden.
8. Install one of the many low-cost security alarms available, and readily useable in a shed location.

Alarms

Crime Prevention Officer Neil Langthorne has demonstrated, at Neighbourhood Watch meetings in the past, several different types of alarm, the most recent one was a very useful alarm consisting of a wireless PIR and alarm unit.

This type of stand alone alarm is very versatile. Not only can they be used as a straight forward shed alarm, the detector can be place inside a car outside the house to act as car alarm (with a repeat sounder inside the house) and they can be set to chime (as opposed to alarm) and used as door entry/exit minders.

For any advice on security and crime prevention Neil Langthorne is always willing to assist wherever he can, see below for details.

At last we look forward to our first Panel Meeting in 2008 - in the refurbished Fletcher Room, Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th of June at 7.00p.m.

Looking forward to seeing all our regular members at this meeting, and hopefully some new faces too!

Relevant Telephone Numbers:

(Remember if you don't contact them, the Police/Community Force don't know a problem exists)

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield: **623654**
or via Chilton Control Room ring: **01388 721351**

Local Police: 0845 6060365 to report any concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police. *(it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.)*

Crime Prevention Officer

Neil Langthorne, **01325 742714** and **Community Liaison Officer,**
Melanie Elliot **01325 742755**
for advice or assistance

Sedgefield Cricket Club June fixtures

First Team

Saturday 7th v Thornaby
Saturday 21st v Normanby Hall
Sunday 22nd v Seaton Carew

Second Team

Saturday 14th v Blackhall
Saturday 28th v Hartlepool

Third Team

Sunday 8th v Hartlepool

Under 17's

Monday 9th v Blackhall
Monday 30th v Barnard Castle

Brunton Cup

Friday 6th v Darlington

Feel free to support our teams.
Check out our facilities. We are always pleased to see new faces.
Other cup games will be played given short notice so check out our fixtures which are circulated throughout the village and our club.
We are planning a social evening with food and entertainment on Saturday 28th June.
Tickets cost £5.
Order on 620373 or 621531.

Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum

May Meeting

The Town Council and the Residents Forum continue to work together in conjunction with the planning consultant and a barrister on the Holiday Park appeal enquiry planned for 8th July 2008.

Following a meeting with representatives from Hardwick Hall management, Sedgefield Town & Borough Council and village residents, 6 monitoring points around the village have been established to manage noise pollution from outside events at the Hotel. A recent event had no recorded problems. The next meeting of representatives will be 13th June. The North End safe crossing has been welcomed and there are calls for new crossing places to be established further along North End/Durham Road, and on Stockton Road across from St Edmund's Terrace.

Residents of Hardwick Road met with Tony Smith from DCC, to discuss the problems arising from the erection of fencing in East Park. Public Rights of Way were confirmed and a new access through Mitford Court was being discussed. It was confirmed that there is no public access to the park via Hardwick Road. The type of rare breeds to be grazed on the park was being reconsidered on the grounds of public safety.

Concern was expressed about the derelict house on the Lane and requested that the matter be taken up by the Town Council.

The pathway through the Hardwick Arms to West Park Lane was reported to be an eyesore, with potential environmental health implications. Gratitude was expressed to those businesses that took an active interest in maintaining a clean area around their premises.

Please come along to these meetings to air your views or raise an issue; everyone is welcome.

Agenda & minutes are available from the Town Council Office and available to read in the library.

Next meeting: Monday 2nd June in the Fletcher Room in the Parish Hall at 7.00p.m.



Promenade Theatre Comes to Hardwick Park

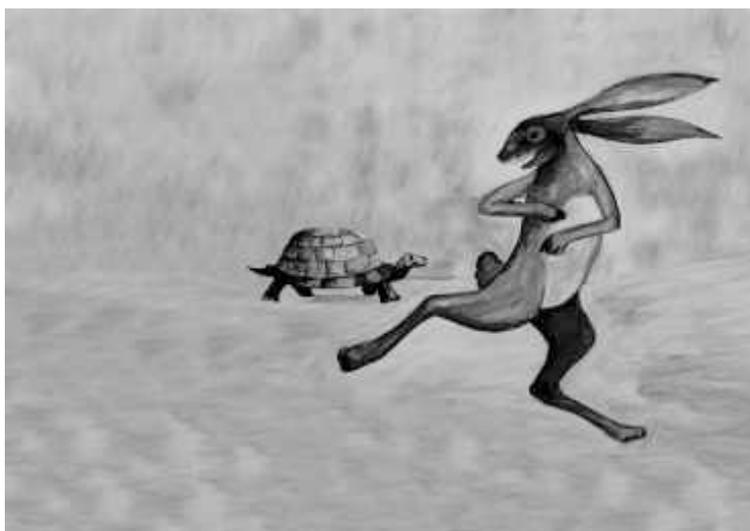


Hardwick Park will create a beautiful natural backdrop for two theatrical performances on Saturday 21 June.

Mad Alice Theatre Company and Sedgefield Borough Council have received an Arts Council grant, enabling them to perform site specific performances of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, 'Much Ado About Nothing,' and favourite stories from Aesop's Fables.

An experience for the whole family, the performances are suitable for 4 years and above. The performances move around the park which is fully accessible with well tended paths and no steps.

Aesop's Fables will begin at 2pm and Much Ado About Nothing at 7pm. Tickets are £5 Adults and £3 concessions and available from Sedgefield Borough's Arts Team on 01388 816166 ext. 4378.



Young Organist Entertains

A young Organist from Sedgefield gave his first ever public recital at St Edmund's Church on Medieval Fayre Day. Jonathan Clegg, who is just fourteen, has been playing the piano since he first learnt how to climb onto a piano stool, but only started playing the organ regularly a few months ago.

Jonathan played a selection of music from Bach, Beethoven, and Pachelbel, and also gave a stirring first public airing to his own composition which he has named 'From Darkness Into Light'.

Jonathan attends Ian Ramsey School, and in addition to learning piano and organ is also learning to play the Double Bass. Jonathan's younger sister Rebecca is also learning to play the Cornet, so there is rarely a quiet moment when they are both at home!

SPORTS UPDATE

Although we are definitely moving into the summer sport months, the first part of this update wraps up this season's football and rugby union news, including an account of Crosshills FC's very strange season. Over the next few months, I will bring more news on cricket and will start to look towards the approaching Olympic Games.

It's been a controversial road to Beijing 2008 and the torch relay has been dogged by protests, some peaceful, some less so. I'm not ducking the political issues by focusing on what the Olympic torch should mean for a moment.

Regardless of any argument over the venue of the Games, the torch itself has long been a symbol of all that is good about sport and the ideal of 'swifter, higher, stronger'. It has always provided sporting inspiration for young people around the world and despite the events of this year, I hope it will continue to do so.

So, it was quite a coup for Sedgefield Primary School to be able to parade a genuine torch at the head of their Olympics themed 'walking float' during this year's Mediaeval Fayre (also part of the float, fittingly, was a 'Free Tibet' banner!). The torch was kindly lent to the school by Steve Cram, who recently carried it in London, and it meant that Sedgefield briefly 'hosted' a small part of the 29th Olympiad. Here's hoping Bradley Saunders can bring back a medal to surpass that!

Football

Last month, I promised a review of Crosshills FC's remarkable season. Before I get on to that, here's a brief update on the fortunes of St. Edmund's and the Black Lion. Both have had great seasons which have

unfortunately ended with some disappointment. St. Edmund's were beaten to the league title and a couple of cups by the excellent Hetton Lyons, while the Black Lion just missed out on promotion to the Durham District Premier League on the last day of the season.

Back to Crosshills FC. To start, I confess a vested interest in the team, which I play for. So, if this report does at times seem a little subjective, that's entirely because it is. To paraphrase a well worn cliché, it's been a season of two halves. The team endured a miserable start to the campaign. By the middle of January, their league record read "played 11 - won 0, drawn 0, lost 11", and amidst the chaos on the field, there was also a change of management, as David Ryder 'moved upstairs' and Craig Provett took over (by the way, hats off to Craig for his dedication - he commutes from Nottingham for every game!).

Despite that terrible run of form, the same players continued to turn up week in, week out and team spirit remained incredibly good. On 20th January, Crosshills FC recorded their first league win of the season with a 6-1 victory over Witton Gilbert Glendenning Arms. The following Sunday, the team was 3-0 down after 80 minutes, but managed to turn that into a 4-3 triumph over another Witton team, and the scene was set for a fantastic run to the end of the season that read "played 15 - won 12, drawn 1, lost 2".

It's hard to pinpoint what turned the season around, and it was clearly a combination of factors, but once the team got on a roll, they were very hard to contain, with free scoring contributions from all parts of the team, founded on ever more solid

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defence. A few key members of the squad returned from injury or re-discovered their form, but essentially, the same team that had been beaten 11 times in a row then delivered 12 victories between January 20th and May 1st.

At the recent end of season 'do' (see if you can guess the fancy dress theme from the photo), a number of awards were handed out. Jamie Spencer was crowned club player of the season, Mal Dickenson picked up players' player and goal of the season (he was also top scorer with 24 - or 25 - goals, depending on whether you are talking to Mal or someone else), Steven Bagshaw was named best newcomer, Chris Gregory won the award for most improved player, and Nicky Walker walked off with the award for highest number of appearances.

An outstanding service award was presented to Ian Green. Ian has been a player and member of the Crosshills management team for as long as the club has been going and has just announced his retirement. It is thanks to the efforts of the likes of Ian that the club continued to thrive in difficult times and it was great to finish the season so well if it turns out to have been his last. There is a campaign underway to persuade 'Greenie' to continue in his role and if enough people back it (www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=26749280904), he has promised to 'un-retire'. If that doesn't happen, Ian will leave a legacy of great commitment, stout defensive qualities and real added value as a linesman. He enthusiastically waves his flag for offside and fouls, even though he knows that in the Sunday leagues, the referees make all of those decisions and linesmen only indicate the direction of thrown-ins.

So that was Crosshills FC's season and what a season it was - wooden spoon results until January, followed by promotion form until May. It's safe to say that the team didn't want it to end and are eagerly anticipating their next campaign.

Sedgefield Youth FC

As reported in the last issue, Sedgefield Youth FC hosted a mini-tournament at the end of their regular season. Ryan Towler reports: Our tournament was a great success - the four teams that took part were Thornaby, Spennymoor, Eaglescliffe Elementis and Sedgefield. Thornaby swept the board with fantastic performances in all three matches. Unfortunately, we came last but as we all know, this season has been a learning curve. We had great support on the day from our mayor Dudley Waters, and from John Robinson. We are hoping to host another tournament



As they opened the kit bag at their next game, Crosshills FC started to doubt the wisdom of signing a sponsorship deal with a fancy dress outfitter.

next year.

We would also like to say a great big thank you again to Dudley Waters who has donated a very generous amount from his mayor's charity fund to Sedgefield Youth FC. Finally, our two injured players are recovering well. Thanks to Ryan for the update.

Rugby Union

It has been quite a year for Sedgefield District Rugby Union Football Club. After a 10 year break, the club was re-launched and has already made a big impact in Sedgefield, both on and off the pitch. The squad, along with family and friends, recently gathered at Wynyard Hall to celebrate a great first season. Along with the usual shenanigans that we might expect from a rugby union club party, a few awards were handed out.

Those who picked up silverware were:
Phil Morley - Player of the Year
Hugh Carter - Players' Player of the Year

Kai Scott - Most Improved Player
Ian Grieve - Chairman's Prize for Best Attendance (in the pub at least).

The night was a huge success and Sedgefield District RUFC also raised about £1,000 for charity. A full account of the evening, along with photos and all the latest news from the club can be found on www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk. The club is already preparing for next season and aims to build on its already significant achievements.

Sedgefield Harriers

Andrew Lawson created Harriers history at the North East Counties Track and Field Championships at the Gateshead International Stadium on 10th/11th May by becoming the first athlete to win a North East Counties medal wearing a Sedgefield vest. Jumping into a head wind of 0.7m per second Andrew claimed a bronze medal with a leap of 4.29m as a bottom aged athlete in the under 13 boys event. Andrew's performance justifies the confidence the coaches at the Harriers have in the depth of our local talent and is another step along the way for recognition of the Harriers as a local force in junior athletics. As reported last month, the Junior Harriers are about more than running. The athletes are given coaching in a range of disciplines, which include throws, jumps and sprints, equipping them for track and field at local meets and school events.

All are welcome, whatever their talent and skill level when they first come along - as well as long jumpers, the club could well unearth shot putters or javelin throwers. At only £1 per each session (no membership fees) that incorporates high quality coaching, athletics in Sedgefield is a very affordable sport. If you would like more details about the sessions call Scott Hydon on 07790418188 or 01740 620251. Alternatively, just turn up at

the Community College at 6.30pm on a Wednesday night.

The Junior Harriers were also represented in many other events during the North East Championships. Joe Potts, at the bottom end of the under 13 boys category, produced a remarkable performance to reach the 200m final. Crossing the line fourth in his heat in a time of 30.21 seconds, Joe went on to equal this time in the final to clinch seventh place. Also qualifying for a final after a tough first round heat was Harriers' under 15 boy Jonathan Baines in the 1500m. Jonathan ran a personal best 4.53.08 before following up with a time of 4.53.19 for 10th spot in the final.

In the under 13 boys 1500m Joe Potts showed his diversity by finishing 13th in a time of 5.51.71 just one place ahead of team mate Rory Varley in 14th with a time of 6.17.26. Not to be outdone by her younger brother, Gemma Varley produced a fantastic run in the under 17 women's 3000m to finish fifth in a time of 13.02.24.

Calum 'Smiler' Johnston nearly repeated the historic feat of team mate Andrew Lawson by claiming Harriers' second bronze medal of the Championships. In the under 13 boys long jump Calum was just a few centimetres short of third but produced a highly respectable 3.46m to hold on to fourth place

The under 13 boys 800m final saw three Harriers competing, with every other club in the final only represented by one athlete. With a gutsy performance, Seb Reichel led home the Harriers contingent in a new personal best time of 2.51.61 to finish seventh. Seb was followed home by Joe Potts, ninth in 2.52.71 and Calum Johnston, 10th in 2.59.16. Other Harriers' performances included Calum Johnston's fourth place in the under 13 boys 75m hurdles in a time of 17.12, fifth place in the first round heat of the 200m with a time of 32.56 and seventh place in the first round 100m heats with 16.38. Joe Potts just pipped Calum in this 100m heat finishing sixth in 15.19. Meanwhile, Jonathan Baines ran a personal best 800m time

of 2.20.67 in the first round heats of the under 15 event to just miss out on qualification for the final, crossing the line in fifth place.

On the senior scene, the Harriers staged the first running of the Neptune Relays in Hardwick Park on 23rd April when 13 teams competed in the four stage event. The weather was very kind and the event was a great success, despite some teething problems with course marking. The winning team was fittingly from Sedgefield Harriers and comprised Gary Hetherington, Richard Bayles, Brad Dixon and James Askew.

A junior race and training session was held alongside the main relays and it was heartening to see so many people - well over 100 - gathered for a local athletic event. In the summer the Harriers will be staging their summer Club Handicap and the second running of the Sedgefield Serpentine Race. The Handicap will be run over 6.5 miles off-road on the night of Thursday 10th July starting at 6.30pm near Fishburn. This is a popular run over a very scenic route which is organised on a 'turn-up-and-run' basis with no entry fee. All are welcome. Contact Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 for details.

The Sedgefield Serpentine will take place on the afternoon of the Sedgefield Show, starting in the showground, and is over a distance of approximately 6.5 miles. Entry fee is £10 (£8 for a club runner) and includes a gift and goody bag. There will be a junior fun run before the main race. Contact Matthew Jones on 07866 441097 for more details. This is the Harriers' main annual event and attracts runners from across the region.

Finally, the Harriers were thrilled to receive a sizeable donation from the mayor's charity fund recently. The money will be used for buying athletics equipment to enhance the coaching given to the Junior Harriers. Well, it's been a bumper sports report this month, but the pace won't slow down. Look out for more cricket and athletics news next issue and if you have any sports news of your own, please send it to me at

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At the Rugby Club's presentation night.

June Events Diary

DIDO

Monday 2nd June

Line Dancing
Garden Party

See information on **page 2**

Local History Society

7.45pm at Ceddesfeld Hall

Monday June 2nd

Janet Thackray

"Our Northern Heritage - a slide show"

All welcome

Residents' Forum

Monday 2nd June

in the Fletcher Room in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Sedgefield Mags

Monday 2nd June

8pm in the Nag's Head

'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all Newcastle United home games

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 3rd June

Potentilla National Plant Collection, Ponteland. Leave Ceddesfeld 6pm

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 4th June

7.15pm

Parish Hall

"The Red Kites of Derwent Valley"

Members' competition -

A bird ornament

Visitors welcome - £2

CeddesFolk Traditional

Acoustic Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Wednesday 4th June

Join our line up of fiddles, whistles, squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

North East

Concertina Players

8th June

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Sedgefield Civic Trust

Thursday 12th June

7pm at 28 White House Drive

Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Show

Next meeting

Thursday 12th June

Nag's Head 8pm

Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 14th June

on the Village Green

Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 16th June

Ceddesfeld Hall

7:45pm

"Looking for your Scottish ancestors"

Rosie Bowyer

New members are always welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 17th June

7.30pm in the Parish Hall

"Nature's Way"

Jill Shuttleworth

North West Area Demonstrator

All Welcome

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 26th June

Visit to Rainton Meadows

Meet Parish Hall car park at

6.30pm

More details from

Steve Ashton 620559

All Welcome

Summer Concert

Lyric Singers, Lirica & Slyc

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th June

at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 28th June

Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.45

Cash Prizes. Bar open

Veterans

Friday 6th June

Display of memorabilia from Winterton Hospital in the Parish Hall by the Sedgefield Village Veterans in the Parish Hall. 7.30pm until 9pm admission 50p.

Saturday 7th June

Display of memorabilia from Winterton Hospital by the Sedgefield Village Veterans in the Parish Hall. From 10am until 4pm admission 50p.

Thursday 19th June

Sedgefield Village Veterans Group 7.30pm Parish Hall

New Members always welcome

Saturday 28th &

Sunday 29th June

Display of uniform & equipment of Britain Forces 1945-1982 together with illustrative talks from veterans and re-enactors.

Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 10am-4pm

Sunday 11.30am-3pm

Admission 50p.

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

June @ Sedgefield Library

Summer Smoothie Session

Thurs 5th recipes demonstrations & sampling 1.30-3pm

Veterans War Display

Toy Library Wed 4th & 18th 10am

Tickle Time Monday 9th & 23rd

2.15-3pm

Rhyme Time Wednesday 11th &

25th 10-11am

Junior Reading Group starts Mon

9th June 5-6pm

Book Circle Wed 18th 2pm

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Ladies' Circle

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome

Contact Viv on 629079

Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Mother & Toddler Group

Methodist Church

Mondays from 1.15 - 2.45 pm

Term time only. Call 620572

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church Hall

Vacancies for children aged 2+ Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.15-11.45

St Edmund's Church

Weddings and Baptisms can be arranged in church on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

101 Gigs in June

- 01 Normanby Hotel, Normanby
- 05 Oddfellows Arms, Thornaby
- 06 Old Shildon Club, Shildon
- 07 The Fat Ox, Whitley Bay
- 08 Clarendon Hotel, Redcar
- 13 Deuchars Arms, Gateshead
- 14 Princess Alice, Middlesbrough
- 19 The Vic, Saltburn
- 22 The Star, Newcastle (4pm)
- 26 Easy Street, Chester-le-Street
- 27 Daisy Hill, Sacriston
- 28 Masons Arms, S Stanley
- 29 O'Gradys, Redcar

Your Letters

Thanks for the new crossing

How wonderful to feel more confident when I cross the road via the new crossing on North End near the Black Lion corner. It is making a tremendous difference to me (not only am I walking that little bit further to increase my daily exercise) but I feel less likely that I am going to be hit by a passing car as I have less places to look for approaching traffic.

A huge thank you to Durham County Council for a much needed safer place to cross in this ever increasing vehicular world in which we live.

Elizabeth Brown

Seat belts

I am driven to attempt a reply to *sine nomine's* (May issue) intemperate attack on the police. Rogues, thieves, vagabonds and joy riders are renowned for their disregard of traffic laws – hence it is good practice to stop and question drivers ignoring the rules: that is to say, they were "... targeting the real criminals...". Perhaps *sine nomine* would explain how the police could recognise that she was not a died-in-the-wool criminal without talking to her. However, to talk about seat belts and reversing: since inertia-reel seat-belts were introduced I have never found any problem in turning round to obtain a good view: certainly fixed seat-belts were restrictive and may have required the relaxation of the rule. *Sine nomine* says that she had forgotten to "belt-up" when she finished her practice – how was anyone to know that she habitually did not wear a seat-belt? To be fair – her instructor should have reminded her to fasten her seat-belt before moving onto the public highway. As addenda I should mention the very poor practice of moving off and then struggling with one hand to fasten a seat-belt – ask yourself, are you in full control of your car? Together with those adults who carry their children loose in the car or in an inappropriate restraint.

Cum nomine
R Smeeton



Response to R Smeeton

As a 40 year old woman who has never had any endorsements on her licence previously, has been driving for 21 years with only one bump caused by the other person in 1997 and qualifies for maximum no claims on her insurance I hardly think my driving needs any brushing up with the Institute of Advance Drivers or any ROSPA test. Thanks all the same.

Angela

DIDO Garden Party

Many thanks to everybody who offered gazebos and chairs for the DIDO Garden Party on 2 June, with special thanks to the two people who have kindly donated gazebos to DIDO.

Linda Maddison

St Edmunds puzzle?

We the undersigned would like some answers regarding the purchase of chairs in St Edmund's Church to commemorate a loved one. We each paid £60 three years ago are still awaiting a completion date. We are not getting any younger ourselves and fear we could pass on before this is finished with. We have asked a number of people about it but no-one seems to know who is responsible. We also know the original Treasurer, Secretary, etc. were sent letters saying their services were no longer required or needed! So come on, the church officials; let us know what is going on. Hoping for a completion date soon. In anticipation,
M. Hodgson, V. Icton, J. Mayle, J. Jones, M. Lee

Do you know any volunteers who deserve special recognition?

The Volunteer Centre at CAVOS, are looking for nominations for 'Volunteer of the Year' and 'Organisation of the Year' which will be presented at their Volunteer Thank You and Awards Evening, on Thursday 5th June 2008, at Spennymoor Town Hall. Tickets for the evening, which includes Comedian, live music and a pie & pea supper, are free for anyone who volunteers or works with volunteers in Sedgefield Borough. For more information, tickets or nomination forms contact Sharon Vasey or Vicky Walker at the Volunteer Centre on 01388 811115.

"Memories of Steam"

Sedgefield artist Les Joss will be exhibiting his paintings of steam locomotives from June 1 to 27 at Locomotion, the National Railway Museum in Shildon. Retired school teacher Les describes his work as "nostalgic recollections of a mis-spent youth". Entitled "Memories of Steam", the exhibition will feature drawings and paintings of pre-1965 locomotives from this region and Scotland. The pictures range from large acrylic paintings to smaller water colours. Locomotion is open daily from 10am to 5 pm and admission is free. For further information, contact Locomotion on 01388 777999, by email on info@locomotion.uk.com or visit the website www.locomotion.uk.com.

Musical Extravaganza

Brian Luke's 4 piece band, together with 8 singers, will play and sing hits from the famous Broadway musicals, featuring items from musical virtuosos such as Cole Porter and Andrew Lloyd-Webber. Saturday 31st May - Bishop Auckland Methodist Church. There is entertainment for all the family, with tickets priced at just £5, OAP's and children just £3. All proceeds from this event are for Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. To book tickets or enquiries please contact Barbara Fountain on 01388 603003 or email

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