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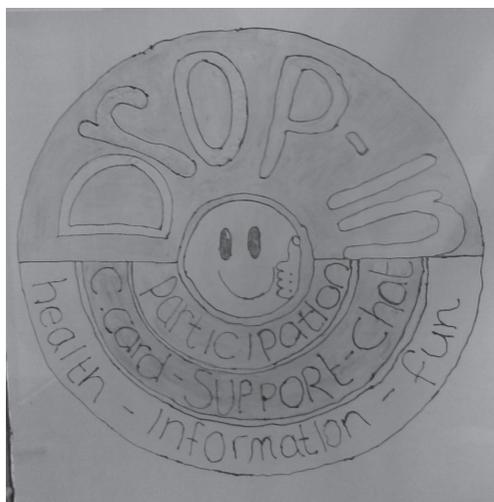
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SDT on the move

Sedgefield Development Trust, publisher of Sedgefield News, will no longer operate from 58 Front St, Sedgefield after 28th February. However, until we find new premises, it will be business as usual; in fact it should now be easier to contact us. Embracing the new technology means cutting down on operating costs, which we hope will benefit the community in the long term.

The Trust has three very popular projects running at the moment, Sedgefield News, the DIDO group and the new Community Lawyers. Unfortunately, in the short term, we will lose the Young People's Drop in, but until we can provide new premises we will continue to support our young people in any way we can, as we have been pleased to do over the past five years. They certainly won't be forgotten.

Please take note of the new details, below, for access to, or information about any of our services.



Memories of the drop in at no. 58



The youth drop in: a special message

...from Youth Workers Ellen Guest and Samantha Clarkson, who would like to thank all the young people who have attended the centre and supported the project.

"We have been open for over 5 years and must have seen over 300 young people in that time.

Throughout those years we have offered a number of activities and residential. Kayaking down the Ardeche was really special for the lucky lads involved! The Youth Opportunities Fund supported that trip so the cost was minimal to participants. The girls followed up with a residential weekend in Edinburgh last year, hitting some of the tourist spots and taking in a show.

On the serious side, the drop in has been able to help with sexual health issues, supporting young people through difficult periods in their lives and just being a place for them to be. It has been really worthwhile."

Ellen and Sam will continue with outreach work on Wednesday evenings from 6.15 till 8.15 and will hold the Drop in from an art room at the Community College on Mondays from 3.30-5pm in term-time.

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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COMMUNITY LAWYERS & DIDO

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Post to **Community Lawyers (or DIDO),
Sedgefield Development Trust, c/o Hare Hills Lodge
Sedgefield, Co Durham, TS21 2EG**

CORPORATE & BUSINESS MAIL

**Company Secretary, Sedgefield Development Trust,
c/o 7 Melgrove Way, Sedgefield, Co Durham TS21 2JN**

'Anywhere But Here' are going places!

Last month we introduced you to the Sedgefield based band, and the latest news is that they are through to the Regional Final of Live & Unsigned - the national competition for unsigned acts.

You can support them at

**The Journal Tyne Theatre on
Westgate Rd, Newcastle, NE7 4AG on
March 12th**

(Doors open 12.15pm)

Tickets, priced £7.50, available from band members via their Facebook page or email thom-asp@hotmail.co.uk

Snapshots of Sedgefield

In our February snapshot of the ball game, Kenny Moyle recognised the dapper man in the suit as Laurie 'Lol' Hartas of Diamond Hall Farm. A great supporter of the ball game, Lol later lived in Beech Oval. Just behind him, in jumper and overalls, is Freddie 'Tuttie' Spencer, a bachelor. At the front, side on to the camera is Victor Wright, father of Vic, Geoff and the late Alan. Could that be Derrick Lofthouse just behind him in the light coat and cap? If you recognise anyone else, it's not too late. Call 620091 or e-mail norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. This month's snapshot from the LHS archive shows amateur dramatics, but where, who, what was the play - any ideas? *Sedgefield Local History Society is very grateful for all the information and donations received so far. Details of our next meeting is on the Diary page*



Aladdin (photo below)

Sedgefield Players Christmas panto played to packed houses, laughs guaranteed by the antics of Widow Twankey & Wishee Washee (Terry West & Janine Yaxley), idiot policemen Bamboo & Typhoo, Tim Jasper & Robert McGuinness; and the Emperor & Empress, David Jasper & Jean Hewling. Romantic interest was provided by Princess Say Wen, Jessica Sadler and Aladdin, Ciaran Jasper. Boos and hisses were plentiful for evil magician Abanazar, Richie Parry and snooty Grand Vizier, Viv Jacobs and her son Prince Pekoe, Chelsea Palfreman. Professional actor and singer Thomas Guest stepped in at the last minute to save the day as the Genie. Members of SPYS gave great support and performed a wonderful Chinese dragon dance to open the show.

World Book Night

I have been chosen as one of 20,000 people across the country to become a book giver for the World Book Night on Saturday 5th March. You may have heard about it in the news and on the BBC One Show, where it was promoted. You can read more about it online at worldbooknight.org.

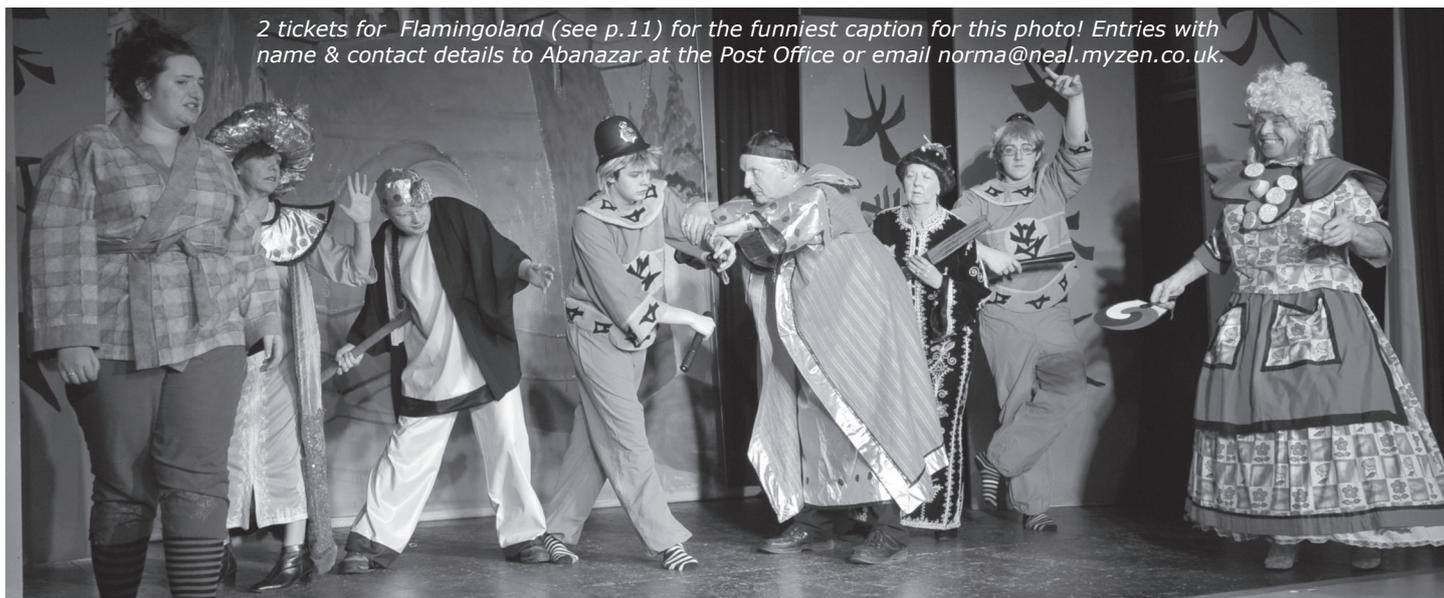
I am able to give away 48 books to encourage people to read more, and my chosen book is *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Some of you may know her as the author of the *Purple Hibiscus*.

This is a truly excellent read, set in Nigeria in the 1960's during the civil war, it tells the story of Olanna, a university lecturer who abandons her privileged life in Lagos to live with Odenigbo, the professor, and Ugwu, their houseboy from a poor village. The story is full of intrigue; Olanna's relationship with Richard, and her twin sister Kainene; the twists and turns of how the war engulfs them all, testing their loyalties, throwing them apart and yet bringing them together.

This is the kind of novel you can't put down. If anyone would like to be on my list please give me a ring on 01740 622447. Please let me know quickly as there are only 48 books to give away.

Gloria Wills

*Sedgefield Library will celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 3rd March. See Diary for details.*



2 tickets for *Flamingoland* (see p.11) for the funniest caption for this photo! Entries with name & contact details to Abanazar at the Post Office or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk.



Points of Interest from N/Hood Watch Meeting: 8th Feb 2011

Community Warden Tim Spearey informed members that Durham County's policy in providing information to our N/Hood Watch group had changed. He could not provide detailed figures regarding calls / locations of incidents as before but rather he should report on how many tickets he has issued (in our area) for littering / dog fouling etc. Tim informed members he had issued none in January. Tim also said there is very little reported from Sedgefield to DCC. Members thanked Tim but advised him that they would like DCC to provide them with the information that **they** feel is relevant which as well as the "tickets" issued they would like to be informed of how many complaints *in total* have been received since the last Panel meeting (i.e. every 2 months), and also how many reports have been made to DCC from Residents of Sedgefield in that period. Ideally they would like the information categorised to aid understanding and enable N/H/Watch members to be proactive wherever practicable. A member stated that DCC should not expect Residents to do the work that they as rate payers were paying DCC to do; they (DCC) should get out and stop / prosecute dog foulers and fly tippers also. This point of view had unanimous support from all present.

Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne opened his report by congratulating C/man Ken Saiger for being recognised and awarded with the Sedgefield Citizen of the year 2010. As previously at the start of the New Year Neil gave a summary of the Crime Trends in our area compared with the previous year. **Total number of Crimes is DOWN** (all crime is down for the year by 18%). **Reporting to the Police is UP** (up 9% for the year) NB - this is all reports including information provided, sightings etc. as well as complaints. Neil's detailed figures are very encouraging except for vehicle crime & metal thefts which have increased considerably in recent months.

Lead Thefts: There was much discussion involving Neil, Keith Todd & Tim Spearey regarding metal thefts, disposal of scrap, and use of the rag & bone man - *not all of it very satisfactory as far as the ordinary householder is concerned!*

Member Roy Smeeton made an excellent suggestion for the Police and all householders to consider. Where you can gain access to your lead flashing, make a series of small identification marks, using a form of punch or stamp, along the length of the lead. This will allow the Police on recovering the lead to identify the property from which it was taken and best of all confirm that it has indeed been stolen. We feel this is Simple, Very Effective and Low Cost!

Street Champions. Neil informed members that he had been contacted by DCC (Civic Pride team) to seek support from individual residents to become active in their Street Champions Scheme. This requires an individual to take ownership for reporting (back to DCC) and monitoring their street or area, for specific issues like dog fouling, anti-social behaviour & littering. Neil asked for those interested to contact him directly after the meeting.

Dog Fouling - New Bye-Law: David Hillerby proposed the making of a new local bye law to have all dogs kept on a lead within the (public) village built up area and for the carrying of dog waste bags to be compulsory. The purpose being to give the Council Wardens the power to issue fixed penalties to those dog owners who are causing so much damage to our local environment, wasting so much public money (getting Councils to clean up etc.), causing real upset to many residents, and alienating good dog owners to the rest of the public. This, it is hoped, will educate all dog owners to become considerate and to eradicate most of the extensive dog fouling that goes on in Sedgefield. The proposal has the support of the Residents' Forum (approved at Monday 7th Feb. meeting). After much debate the proposal was carried. Meeting Closed (next meeting 12/04/2011) & PACT opened (reported elsewhere).

Keith Todd issued his Police Crime report from 4th Jan - 8th Feb. 2011. There were 191 calls to the Police (13-Crime; 6-ASB; 172-Other). There were 7 vehicle related crimes & 6 Thefts of Metals (predominantly Lead) recorded.

Phone numbers:

Local Police 0345 60 60 365

Tim Spearey: 623654 or via Chilton Control Room: 01388 721351

Police Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lownds, 01325 742714

Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

Friends of Hardwick AGM

The Friends of Hardwick's 12th AGM was marked by the retirement of its Chairman, Jack Glendinning. In his address to the meeting he said that he had enjoyed his 12 years in office but felt the time was right to stand down. He went on to thank the Committee and, in particular, the Secretary, Vice-chair and Treasurer for their support and dedication throughout his service. Michael Rudd was elected as his successor.

The highlight of the year was the official opening by HRH The Duke of Gloucester in May.

A sad note was the passing of the Friends' Vice-president, Michael Adamson. He will be greatly missed. The Park has gone from strength to strength over the past year with almost 425,000 visitors. This is a huge increase from 180,000 visitors prior to the restoration. It is hoped to increase this to 450,000 this year and then 500,000 by 2014.

Over the past year the event programme has grown even more. The most popular events were the Teddy Bears Picnic, Easter Eggstravaganza, Spring into Summer, The Romans Return, A Midsummer Nights Dream, Rocking the Regency, Halloween at Hardwick and the Christmas events. 20,000 people attended the events in 2010. Schools are visiting more than ever to the park, whether it be through a self led visit or one of the organised sessions. 6,000 school children visited last year and took part in nature explorers, bushcraft, art in the park, orienteering or history sessions.

During the summer the rangers launched a very successful junior rangers holiday programme. This was a summer club where children found out about the role of the rangers and developed practical skills.

Sara Fortune, Hardwick Park Manager, gave a big thank you to the Friends of Hardwick and the committed volunteers for assisting with events, school session and staffing the exhibition space.

For 2011 the aim is to develop a bigger and better event and education programme.

Financially, the Friends continue to be sound and have managed to extend their sources of income, not least by the sale of the DVD "Reawakening of a Sleeping Beauty" which tells the story of the Park's restoration and shows the Park to full advantage.

Jottings from the February Residents' Forum

February was the first meeting of 2011 and saw the usual interesting discussions from those attending.

Many of the usual issues were addressed and the ongoing ones of footpath repairs, which we understand are now in progress in some areas of the village and of course the long outstanding issue of the Section 106 monies owed to our village by Durham County Council (DCC). It continues to be almost impossible to get information and update on this issue from DCC (it really should not be so difficult for residents and Town Council to get answers from our County Authority.)

When we made our complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) early last year she advised that we keep regular contact with DCC so that the Section 106 issue did not 'fall through any net'. We have tried to do this and have now, as requested by her, informed the LGO of our ongoing difficulties. Dog fouling in the village was again discussed, and suggestions made of ways to try to address the issue. Most dog owners are responsible and caring and clean up after their pets but the few who do not create dreadful problems. If you see anyone not clearing up their dog's mess and you don't feel able to ask them to do so yourself you should contact Community Warden on 01740 623654 and give him what information you can.

A reminder was given that there is funding available from sbh (Sedgefield Borough Homes) for environmental projects on any of their land areas so if you have any ideas get in touch, the ideas must benefit sbh tenants. There is still no definite date or planning officer's recommendations on the Spring Lane/Foxton Lane wind turbine application but it will probably go to planning committee in the next few months. Please watch for news on this – there will be a tremendous impact on the whole village with the access routes along Station Road and Durham Road and the potential for damage to properties along that route as well as the removal of curbs, lampposts, safe crossing areas etc. to accommodate the huge loads. Then of course there will be the removal of many trees and hedgerows in Foxton Lane itself. You do need to give your views on this.

The next Forum meeting is at 7pm on 7th March in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall. Come along and hear what is happening in our area and give your views on things that affect our community.

Council Tax: policing cost will not rise

Taxpayers in County Durham are likely to see the policing element of their council tax bill frozen from April, at the Police Authority's annual budget meeting. If it does decide on a council tax freeze, the Durham Police Authority will have access to funding from the Government's grant scheme, which is equivalent to raising the council tax by 2.5 per cent. With payments staying the same as last year, for a Band D property the council tax rate would remain at £153.41 per year for policing.

The Authority and its police force have looked at a range of bold and innovative measures aimed at cutting costs including the new 'Hub and Spoke' Force Operating Model, measures to increasing productivity, a recruitment freeze and the recent redundancy process for back-office police staff.

Newton Aycliffe Police Station - temporary move

Officers and staff based at Newton Aycliffe police station are on the move to a temporary new home. From Monday, February 28, they will leave their accommodation in Central Avenue to offices half a mile away at Parsons Court on the nearby industrial estate. This is to allow for the demolition of the existing station and the rebuilding of a replacement on the same site. It is anticipated that this will be completed by late 2012.

Police response will be maintained throughout the move, and following the move, the opening hours of the temporary police station will be 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday. The station will continue to provide 24 hour policing.

Sedgefield Borough Housing limit rent rises

SBH will help tenants through difficult economic times by reducing rent rises this year. They propose not to implement the full rent rise it would have been allowed, appreciating that tenants face increasing bills for essential services. Customers on the Tenants' Panel are being consulted before a final decision is made. *On a lighter note*, staff at sbh raised £105 for the **Great North Air Ambulance** this Valentine's Day, by selling home-made cakes and savouries. Organiser Eileen Cottrell (right) said: "We chose the GNAA as our charity for the year and have had many events to raise money. This was a fun and tasty way to celebrate Valentine's Day while adding to our total."

Extra Diary items

Millfield Play Park, Fishburn

A Community Consultation will be held from 6-7pm on

Monday 7th March

at the Welfare Hall, Fishburn
The proposed plan will be available to comment on.

For further information ring Emma on 0191 527 3333 ext 292 or Maureen on 01740 620944

All welcome

Church Coffee Morning

at 3 West End
in aid of Church Funds

Friday 25th March

10am - 12 noon

We would appreciate your support

Phil Wilson MP

is holding a meeting in Sedgefield Parish Hall from 10am -12 noon on

Saturday 26th March

to allow local people to chat to him about local & national political issues and any issues concerning Sedgefield village

Sedgefield Veterans

hold their bi-monthly meeting at 7pm, in Ceddesfeld Hall on

Thursday 17th March

Everyone is welcome to attend

Sedgefield Veterans are holding a

Pie & Pea Supper

in the Parish Hall from 7-30pm on

Thursday 31st March

Speaker, Capt Richards from 201(N) Field Ambulance

"A day in the Life of a Nurse in Afghanistan"

Tickets £4, from David Hillerby, 621343; must be ordered by Monday 28th March. Numbers restricted so ring early!

Everyone welcome



SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

As I type this, it is 'persisting' down with rain (as my father-in-law puts it). It's just as well that the ICC Cricket World Cup is taking place on the sub-continent. I'm watching Bangladesh make a spirited effort at chasing down a mammoth 370, set by favourites India in the first match of the tournament. By the time you read this, there will still be about five weeks of one day cricket to go before we know who will lift the trophy, which does seem to be a bit excessive. The final is scheduled for Sunday 2nd April. So long is the tournament, that if on launching the event, the organisers had announced that the final would take place a day earlier, some might have suspected that the six week schedule they were presented with was an early April fool's joke.

Talking of schedules, we now know what events will be happening when at the 2012 London Olympics. The official website for the event is www.london2012.com and you can find full programme and ticket pricing details here - <http://bit.ly/fBhNbC>. In addition, the BBC has a useful schedule guide on its website <http://bbc.in/g7ynXu>, while the Telegraph's website hosts a nice interactive schedule that's worth a look - <http://bit.ly/gWSJZY>. Tickets go on sale on 15th March, but you need to have registered an interest in them before then, which you can do on the London 2012 website. There are some frankly ridiculous ticket prices and whichever PR genius came up with the 'quirky' idea of charging £2,012 for the best seats at the opening ceremony should hang their head in shame (although to be absolutely fair, there will also be some tickets available at £20.12). However, amidst all the expensive tickets there are plenty of much more accessible prices for a wide range of sports. To use a cliché, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Olympics in the UK. I (and my family) will certainly be doing my best to grasp it with both hands. I hope to see you in the velodrome.

Football

The three Sunday league clubs in the village are now moving into the second half of their seasons. I'm hoping to have proper updates from St. Edmund's FC and the Black Lion FC next month. This issue, I have news from the Crosshills based NETPark FC. Following two successive promotions, NETPark

could have been forgiven for focusing on consolidation this season, in the second division of the Durham District League. However, under the stewardship of Marc Dickerson and Jamie Spencer, the club has continued to thrive. The squad is stronger and more motivated than ever and has enjoyed a promising first half to the season.

After a long enforced winter break (after 21st November, the team didn't play again until 16th January), NETPark didn't have a great start to 2011, losing at the quarter-final stage of the JD Taxis Cup. The game was played on a terrible pitch, but the team's performance was even worse! However, that blip has been followed by a run of four wins, two in the league and two in the League Cup, including an outstanding quarter-final triumph against Ferryhill WMC from the league's top division.

NETPark FC sit second in the second division (as I type) and now have a cup semi-final to look forward to. However, whatever else happens this season, the campaign will probably be as much remembered for one incident from the League Cup quarter-final. If you thought that Wayne Rooney's much lauded scissor kick goal was good, you really should have seen Dan Pilling's effort for NETPark the next morning. In all seriousness – Dan's strike was better.

Sedgefield Harriers

With the cross country season behind them, Sedgefield Harriers are looking forward to the usual schedule of spring races on fell, trail and road. For the juniors there are also the track and field meetings in April at Middlesbrough and Shildon where they get the opportunity to put to the test the skills they have learned for throws and jumps, as well as running. The Harriers had strong displays in the North Eastern, the Northern and the National Cross Country Championships, showing good year on year progress. Four juniors competed in the inter county schools cross country event at Haydon Bridge – Hannah Featherston, Abi Hearmon, Jonathan Baines and Ben Hetherington. Abi, Jonathan and Ben will go on to compete in the English cross country championships in Nottingham. In

addition, Gemma Varley will represent the North East Counties in the national U20 inter counties event.

London Marathon training is now well underway for Jo James, Diane Baines, Gail Bell, Rosie Warnett, Emma Craig and Helen Parsons, with some serious distance runs planned for weekends in March. The Harriers are making good use of the excellent new Sedgefield Community College facilities with training nights on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for juniors and seniors. The third Hardwick Park 5km time trial takes place from the visitors centre in Hardwick Park on Saturday 19th March and all are welcome, whether a member of the Harriers or not; runners start their time trials between 9.00am and 9.30am.

The Harriers' club Grand Prix series continues with the Dent 14 in March and the North Tyneside 10k in April. In addition, the club is now accepting entries for its Neptune Relays event on Wednesday 20th April, at Hardwick Park. The relay is open to teams of four runners of men, women or juniors (13+); corporate teams are also welcome. Each runner will complete a stage of 1.7 miles on a figure of eight route around the Serpentine river and the lake. Registration is between 6pm and 6.30pm and the event starts at 6.45pm. Entry is free of charge.

For more about these events or Harriers in general, call Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or email ean.p@sedgefieldharriers.com

Sedgefield Harriers and the Olympics

With eighteen months to go, preparations for the London 2012 Olympics are gathering pace. Sedgefield Harriers are planning their own events and trips to the games to ensure that 2012 is memorable for all members and in particular young athletes. The Harriers aim to keep members informed of any new developments in the lead up to the games and as part of this a section of the club's online forum has been dedicated to providing games information. This is accessible to anyone and will be a great source of information. To find out the latest visit www.forum/sedgefieldharriers.co.uk That's all for this month. As ever, if you have any sports news, send it to **chrisjlines@aol.com**.

Sedgefield Cricket Club

ECB Volunteer Weekend - 16th & 17th April



The recently re-developed club house at Sedgefield Cricket Club

In preparation for the fast approaching cricket season Sedgefield Cricket Club is organising a volunteer weekend to get the local community involved with the ongoing development of grassroots cricket in the area.

On Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April the club is asking for volunteers to assist with tasks such as general maintenance, painting the club house and sight screens, gardening and much more.

Any volunteers willing to donate a couple of hours of their time on either or both days will be rewarded with a free drink in the recently re-developed and extended bar! Alternatively, feel free to turn up on the day to have a drink and take a look at the new facilities.

The event is organised in conjunction with NatWest CricketForce 2011, an England & Wales Cricket Board volunteering initiative aimed at rejuvenating the nation's cricketing facilities. CricketForce encourages cricket supporters, their friends and families to give something back to the local community cricket club by volunteering.

Sedgefield Cricket Club aims to encourage new junior and senior players; further improve the already eye-catching new facilities and to help develop a sustainable approach to the sport in the local area, all of which will assist with maintaining the Club's ECB Clubmark Accreditation.

For more information about helping out at the Volunteer Weekend, visit our new website; www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub or to register as a volunteer (*under 16s must be accompanied by an adult*) please contact Nick Hughes, Second Team captain, on 07971951132 or via email, sedgefieldcricketclub@hotmail.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sedgefield Cricket Club is available for hire and is great venue for birthdays, christenings and parties. For information please visit the 'Contact Us' section of our website.



Sedgefield Harriers at the Old Monks race at Hart in January.

Salvador's 'Daisy Chain' charity ride

Everyone's favourite wine waiter (if you don't know Salvador, you can meet him at the Dun Cow) will be doing a sponsored motorbike ride, leaving on March 22nd, from Sedgefield to Valencia, to raise money for the Daisy Chain project for families with children affected by autism or other special needs.

If you would like to help, email salvacullera@hotmail.com or call **07876488575**

The Snowdrop Walk



The Child Bereavement Charity once again invited families to take part in their annual Snowdrop Walk at Hardwick Park, Sedgefield on Sunday 27th February. The walk provides an opportunity for families to plant snowdrops in memory of someone special who has died.

There's a Book of Remembrance donated by a bereaved family in a quiet corner for individual entries, and arts & crafts activities in the visitor centre for children to join in with. The Child Bereavement Charity is very grateful to Julie and David Kilpatrick for their generous support of the Snowdrop Walk, a special day in our calendar.

Get Active Cycling Club

FREE guided bike rides for all ages and abilities, 10am-12 noon, on Saturday mornings, April-October Led by a qualified cycle instructor Start and finish at Hardwick Park Predominantly off-road

Bikes and helmets available free To book places, please contact Get Active on 0191 5692847 or steven.hart@nhs.net.

March Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 1st March

Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.30pm
A.G.M. with Pie & Peas Supper
All Welcome

CeddesFolk Session

Wednesday 2nd March- 8pm
Ceddesfeld Hall (Beginners 7pm)

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 2nd March

7.15pm, Parish Hall
"India" - Joan Seymour
Members' competition - a pot plant
Extra competition: A4 poster to promote an existing local walk (not computer generated) can include photos & artwork.
Winning poster to go forward to Autumn Council Meeting.
Visitors welcome; fee £2.50

Mayor's Dinner Dance

Hardwick Hall, Friday 4th March
Call Town Council Office, 621273

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 5th March
Eyes down at 7.30pm

Cricket Club Quiz Night

Saturday 5th March
Starts 8pm

Residents' Forum

7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall
Monday 7th March

Local History Society

Monday 7th March
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm.
Martin O'Shea
"Stockton & Darlington Railway"
All welcome

Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 7th March
Seamen's Mission
Monday 21st March
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
Tuesday 8th March
Favourite Postcards - George Nairn
Tuesday 22nd March
Red Kite Talk - Silvia Jones

Sedgefield Players

present Flamingoland; bitter sweet comedy by Deborah McAndrew
Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thurs-Sat 10th-12th March
Tickets £6/ £5 concs
from Tickety Boo, Council Offices
or call 620091 / 621771

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 10th March
Business Meeting, 8pm, Nag's Head

Track & Field

Saturday 12th March
1 - 3pm at Hardwick Park.
Child £2.50, adults free
Call 621505 to book or email
hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

Farmers' Market

Sunday 13th March

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 13th & 27th March
Ceddesfeld Hall at 1pm: all levels welcome. Contact 01642 588197

Blood Donor Session

Monday 14th March
14:30-15:45; 16:30-19:00
in the Parish Hall

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 15th March
Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Northumberland & Durham
Demonstrator, Irene Parker
"Simply Add Style"

Ukulele Workshop

Friday 18th March
Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
All levels welcome. Call 621729

Live Music

Sedgefield Cricket Club, 7.45pm
Saturday 19th March
Main guest: Stony. Also featuring
Scratch Band, John Weighell and
John Wrightson Band
Admission £9, inc. buffet
Tel 621347

Fiesta del Vino

Ceddesfeld Hall 7:30pm
Saturday 19th March
Wine tastings, themed food y mas!
Tickets £14 from Ceddesfeld Bar

S'field Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 21st March
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm
"First Names of Children and
Godparents in the 17th Century"
Dorothy Hamilton
Contact S. Hall 620367

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 24th March
7.45pm, Parish Hall. Fred Milton
Uncle Toby & the Dicky Bird Society
Contact Steve Ashton 01287
636382 sashton@teeswildlife.org

Sedgefield Library Events

Rhyme Time: 10 - 11am
Wed 2nd, 16th & 30th March
Tickle Time: 2.15 - 3pm
Monday 14th & 28th March
Book Circle: 2pm
Wednesday 9th March

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March
Competition, quiz, raffle, refreshments. *Proceeds to cancer charities*

Winterton Wayfarers

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

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church. Ofsted inspected
Mon - Thurs 9:15 - 11:45
Spaces for children 2+ years
Contact 621071 or 620572

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
at 1pm in the Methodist Hall

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm
Nag's Head: new members welcome, call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

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

Ceddesfeld Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon
on Thursdays in Ceddesfeld Hall
To join us, just call in or phone
Malcolm Scott on 622871

Cupcake Cafe

Sedgefield Community College
10am-12 noon each Friday during term time. All profits go to charity

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30am - 12noon
Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

Ready Steady Grow

Sedgefield Methodist Church
Fridays 9.30-10.30am, for parents, carers & children. Tea/coffee, songs, craft, bible stories.
Call 621618 or 621071

Starting in April: Eddies@4

Informal service for 2 - 6 year olds, 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm in the Welcome Room at St Edmund's.
Bible story, songs, activity & refreshments. For more information contact Mrs J Rowsby 621125

Citizens Advice Bureaux across County Durham need your support.

We are free, confidential, impartial and independent. We also campaign to influence the development of social policies and services. Last year, CABs in the county handled over £43million of debt; obtained over £18million of financial gains for clients; delivered a service provided by volunteers valued at £954,450; advised over 31,000 clients on over 115,000 issues and achieved a 97% satisfaction rating.

At a time when the country is suffering from the effects of recession and increased prices etc people need to be aware of their rights and responsibilities more than ever, but we face significant funding cuts which could devastate the services we provide. Some of these cuts have been decided with little thought of the impact it will have on the lives of everyday citizens who are already facing a troubled time. If the reduction in funding goes ahead, there will be dramatic cuts to service provision right across the County for our clients.

Durham County Council has announced that all outside agencies who receive funding will be cut by the percentage, irrespective of the services they deliver. DCC fund our general advice sessions and have proposed a 23% cut to us over the next 3 years, with a cut of 14.8% this year. I would be most grateful if you would take the time to sign the e-petition at the link below. You will need to register to do so, but it takes less than a minute of your time.

<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=14&RPID=59377&HPID=59377>

Thank you very much. *Pauline Chambers, Chief Executive, Sedgfield & District CAB. pauline@cab-sedgfield.co.uk*

Your Letters

Jubilee Gardens

Sedgfield Town Council and Sedgfield in Bloom are absolutely delighted to say that Sedgfield Borough Homes have agreed to fund an exciting project to refurbish the area known as Jubilee Gardens, on the corner of The Lane and Chestnut Road. The gardens, which form a popular cut through to the 'Trees' estate, were originally planted in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. Unfortunately, the garden became neglected over the years, with dense, overgrown trees and shrubs, and sadly had to be fenced off by what was then Sedgfield District Council, as it had become an area for vandalism. However, the garden was restored in the mid 1990s by Sedgfield in Bloom volunteers (using a welcome grant from Co Durham Environmental Trust) and became a popular place for local people to walk through or sit for a while. Whilst regularly maintained and still having lovely tubs provided by the Town Council each year, residents will have noticed that the garden is now in need of another facelift. SBH have arranged for contractors from Bullock to carry out the work, and the improvements will include a new, low, single-rail fence around the perimeter; a new 'block work' path and areas surrounding each of the seats; removal of some of the overgrown conifers, bushes and shrubs, which will be replaced by a number of new 'blossom' style trees and colourful planting along the Chestnut Road edge. Sedgfield in Bloom volunteers are hoping to save as many of the



existing spring bulbs etc. as possible, for re-planting back into the garden once the new hard landscaping has been completed. We are also hoping that local school children will join us to plant more bulbs for the future. Once completed, we are intending to include a special sign to name the garden and explain its royal heritage.

Work is expected to start around the end of February and should take around 3 weeks to complete. We apologise in advance to residents for any inconvenience caused during the work, but hope that you will be pleased with the result and that the gardens will continue to be a pleasure to us all for many years to come.

If you have any queries regarding the work, or would like to get involved as a Bloom volunteer, please give me a call on 629549.

*Many thanks, Sue Hannan
(STC/Sedgfield in Bloom)*

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