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Sedgefield NEWS

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Get active, get fit, get social - get back on your bike!

Sedgefield Get Active Cycling Group is an NHS sponsored adult ride that takes place every Thursday morning - 9am leaving promptly at 9.30 - from Hardwick Park. Bikes and helmets are provided free and rides are led by trained marshals and accompanied by a trained first aider. Recently an instructor was appointed to help those who lack confidence or have not cycled for many years.

There is a nominal charge for training of £1 per session.

This friendly, supportive group welcomes adults of all ages and abilities (the oldest is 82) with members coming from far and wide to enjoy the physical and social benefits of cycling together. Routes and distances covered vary, depending upon the fitness and experience of those taking part.

Joining in is easy - just turn up any Thursday morning, complete a general health form and enjoy your first ride.



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For more about the Get Active Cycling Group, contact Durham County programme organiser, Steven Hart on 0191 5692847, email steven.hart@nhs.net or call Leo on 621037, email leo.mccormack@btinternet.com

College appoints Head Boy & Head Girl

Nine students were recently nominated for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl at Sedgefield Community College, each attending a formal interview which mimicked the intensity of a professional job interview. The panel, made up of Head teacher, Dave Davies, Assistant Head teacher, Mrs Hall and Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs MacCallam, chose Sean Haycock and Kate Dovaston. Both students demonstrated the qualities required to represent the values and ethos of the college. Congratulations to Sean and Kate. We wish them a happy, successful year.



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November

On the fifth of November, take the spark
Light up your firework, watch it zip through the dark.

Mystical month bearing the Scorpio child
Countdown to Christmas, the weather turning wild.

Trees stripped to bare bones, no more leaves
Playing her darkest Tarot card, nature never grieves.

With rains that sting and the first frosts that bite
These words written on a cold dark night.

Wear your poppy with pride, for our Military men.
From sunrise to sunset we will remember them.

A brief story told yet not through the lips
Alternating verses from the Unknown's fingertips.

The Unknown Poet

Remembrance crosses

If you have a spare wooden cross which you would like to donate to Sedgefield Village Veterans to use in the Garden of Remembrance, please could you drop it off at the Town Council offices? Thank you.

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A chance to vote for investment in this community

We all have ideas about how public money should be spent in Sedgefield and this month you have the chance to decide where some investment is made. A scheme called "It's Up 2 U" is offering grants of up to £4,000 to community projects in parts of County Durham. In total, £80,000 is available and applications by several groups from Sedgefield have been shortlisted to receive grants, along with many others from the county. Decisions about which projects get what money will be made based on a public vote taking place at Sedgefield Community College, on Saturday 23rd November between 10am and 2pm. Every shortlisted project will have the opportunity to showcase how they will use the money and how it will benefit the community. Members of the public, children and adults, can select those they think most deserving. There will also be fun activities and demonstrations throughout the day - face painting, dancing, a brass band, along with information stalls. At the same time you can vote on the Area Action Partnership priorities for next year and take part in the County Council Budget Consultation to shape where savings are made in the County. Communities from throughout the county will bring people who will vote for projects in their areas, so if you want Sedgefield based initiatives to receive grants, it is important that you turn up, find out more and cast your votes.

Flu jabs a big hit!

Dr Jones & Partners would like to thank all our patients who attended the recent "walk in" flu immunisation clinics - the clinics were both a tremendous success and hundreds of patients received their vaccination. Flu vaccines are still available for eligible patients - please contact the surgery on 01740 620300 if you would like to make an appointment.

The queue was round the block!



Sedgefield in Bloom

Sedgefield carried off gold once again at the Britain in Bloom awards on Saturday October 12th in wet and windy Cleethorpes. Organic gardener Bob Flowerdew, the pigtailed presenter on Gardeners' World and Gardeners' Question Time, handed out awards in front of a packed audience from all parts of the country. Although Sedgefield was pipped to Best Small Town by Ahoghill in Northern Ireland, we scored gold in every category of the mark scheme, which covers horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation. At the follow-up meeting the judges had little to criticise, but did comment on weeds in the cobbles in front of the church and felt that one or two local businesses could give more visible support to the Bloom efforts. This follows the Northumbria in Bloom awards where Sedgefield took gold and Best Small Town in Northumbria for the sixth time in succession, and, with a massive score of 99%, the Golden Lion won gold and Best Pub in Northumbria. When it came to the Percy Boydell Award for Best Overall entry, we were stunned to hear presenter Marion Foster say 'Stand up Sedgefield!' We gained a total of 98%, with full marks for environmental responsibility and community involvement. Chairman Howard Smith holding the beautiful Georgian silver trophy said, 'After years of playing football with no success, I now know how it feels to lift the FA cup.' The entire Bloom team, professional gardeners Stephen and Roy, the town council and its staff, sponsors, supporters, school children and all sorts of Sedgefield organisations came together to prove what a blooming great place we live, work and play in. Well done us!

*Come to the **Sedgefield in Bloom Christmas Coffee Morning** on Friday 29th November 10 -11.30 am in the Parish Hall.*

In Remembrance

Joyce Lowe (nee Fenner) 1926-2013

Joyce Lowe, a longstanding resident of Sedgefield, former Commandant of Sedgefield Red Cross, respected volunteer at St Edmund's Church and Inner Wheel member, has passed away after a short illness. Many thanks to all her family and friends who attended the funeral, and to the Reverend Martin King and Jenette Sisson from Cooperative Funeralcare. Joyce touched the lives of all who knew her and will be greatly missed. She leaves a widower, Eric, two sons, daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

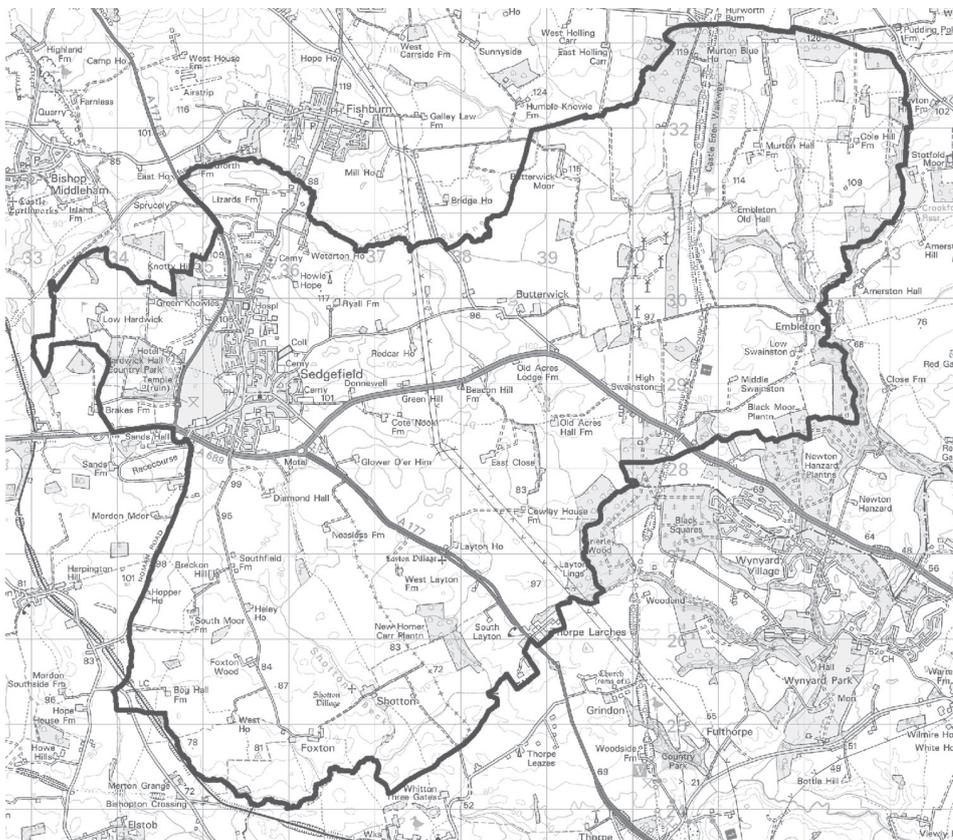


Sedgefield Neighbourhood Plan

Durham County Council has finished consulting on the Neighbourhood Area and can now publish the Designation of the Area. The area shown below will be known as **Sedgefield Town Council Neighbourhood Area**. Sedgefield Town Council applied for the designation, the purpose being to define a specific area within which this town council intends to undertake future neighbourhood planning activities.

The Designation is made under the following parts of the Planning Act:
Town and Country Planning Act 1990, (Section 61G) Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 7)

Further details can be viewed on the County Council's website, www.durham.gov.uk



The Development and Growth of Sedgefield:

An opportunity to influence planning decisions and economic development

You may be aware that the Government has decided to enable the building of more houses and economic infrastructure, through legislation that is designed to encourage developers to invest in and around communities such as Sedgefield. In response to this, Durham County Council is in the process of producing a county wide plan that will potentially give the green light for the construction of an additional 470 homes in Sedgefield.

The same national planning legislation also gives communities the right to develop what are called 'Neighbourhood Plans' which, once completed, become legally binding documents that must be taken into account in the planning process. These plans focus on land use and have to accept the overall developments outlined in the county wide plans, but can influence key details (e.g. the type and spread of housing). Instigated by the town council, Sedgefield has resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the area within its parish boundary.

The Sedgefield Plan will be developed by a steering group made up of people who together aim to represent the whole community. During its first full meeting, I was asked to chair that group and we have started to assemble a team to get the programme underway. Together, we have defined four topic areas that will be included in our Neighbourhood Plan - they are Housing, Local Economy, Community and Environment, and Infrastructure. Each of these groups is to be led by an independent local resident and they are tasked with the job of gathering evidence, facts, opinions and statistics that will inform the writing and publication of our final plan.

However, to achieve our goal we need to gather your views and opinions/contributions and before we can publish we need to carry out a referendum to ensure that the plan is supported by the majority of residents.

This is a very big project that has the potential to establish a clear community view of how Sedgefield should develop. We will have more homes, but what type and where should they be built? Can our current infrastructure support development and if not, what needs to be done to improve it? Can the schools and doctors cope? And what about jobs, community facilities and youth provision? These are some of the major challenges that face Sedgefield in the future and the Neighbourhood Plan is our opportunity to influence and shape our community over the next few decades.

Please get involved. We need people with expertise and interest to join the topic teams, and we need people to contribute their views through the website that will be live soon, and in other ways. In short, we are determined to make this process as inclusive as possible. We have a lot of ideas about how to gather opinion and general input from throughout the community, so one way or another you will be hearing from us soon. When you do, please respond. Ultimately, the Sedgefield Plan will belong to you and we really need you to be part of its development.

For the moment, you can contact me through the town council offices, 01740 621273 or email comments@sedgefield.net, and I will reply.

David Bowles, Chairman, Sedgefield Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group

Popular vet retires



After 39 years caring for our animals, Geoff Clifford Brown has retired. He qualified at Edinburgh in 1974 and his first position as assistant vet was with Barr and Wall. He left in 1977 to gain further experience in Peterborough, returning in 1986 to accept a partnership at Clifton Lodge. Geoff will be much missed by clients and staff for his understanding ways with animals and their owners. His understanding in difficult times was very much appreciated. Geoff is looking forward to spending more time with Helen and family, getting to grips with all the jobs that time never allowed and using his considerable acting skills to entertain us.

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Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



On Tuesday October 8th the N/H/Watch AGM & normal Panel meetings took place. Despite darker evenings, attendance was at a good level and a beneficial meeting ensued. Relevant information and views from the meeting follows. Durham Police now employ only 4 Crime Prevention Officers (no longer Police Officers) across the County.

13,000 householders in Durham are now registered to receive Police updates and information via the "Voice Connect System".

Crime appears to be on the rise & in Sedgefield it seems to be Shoplifting, Shed Burglary & Thefts.

Anti-Social Behaviour is increasing. Local Police are aware and are targeting two problem areas in the village.

The Town Council does not support an Alcohol Free Zone in Sedgefield, nor do the Police.

Members do not accept Pub Watch scheme is totally effective; nor does the Town Council.

Speeding and pedestrian difficulties in crossing roads in Sedgefield is still a severe problem. No authoritative body appears to accept or is willing to take any real measures to alleviate the problem.

Sedgefield residents must be content with all of the above, as almost no-one turned out to the Police Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg's meeting in Sedgefield in September.

Protect your home, get those light timers out again and set them to keep your property looking occupied even with curtains drawn.

Recent crimes included several that involved goods on show, unlocked vehicles & poor safety measures by households.

Sedgefield Residents' Forum Jottings

No scheduled meeting for October so just a couple of updates: As reported last month, both County Councillors had agreed to take 3 of our issues back to County for clarification and further comment. We still await updates.

The Hardwick Live event seems to have been a great success but many residents were considerably disturbed by noise and indeed the Oyster Fest caused some problems. It seems to be one those acoustic anomalies that the sound away from the event is actually louder than at the event. Obviously this will need further consideration as there will surely be further Licensing applications for repeat events.

If you care about the community you live in it is again time to take action and give your views on what you want to happen to our village.

There is now a steering group to formulate our village plan and it is essential that you give your view. More on page 3. It's also essential to give your views on the latest County Durham Plan and what DCC say should happen here. You will have an opportunity on 6th November from 4- 8pm in Ceddesfeld Hall where DCC will have information available and officers on hand to answer questions. On November 23rd 10am-2pm at Sedgefield Community College you can comment on DCC budget plans and identify where *you* think financial cuts should be made! And at this event you can vote for which community organisations should get some funding; several village organisations have submitted applications so please give them your support.

Next meeting, Nov 4th (details page 6). Why not come along to hear more?

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For local Police, call 101
CPO Duncan Gill, 01325 742714
Community Liaison Officer,
Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755
Parking Shop 0191 3846633

Sedgefield News Correction

To contact Sedgefield Town
Council please call 621273.
We apologise for last month's
error. especially to the owner of
the wrong number we printed.

CAB joins ADVICELINE

Sedgefield & District Citizens Advice Bureau has joined ADVICELINE, a national programme set up by the Citizens Advice Service which will, in time, be country wide.

For a client this means you can call us **Monday to Friday 10am till 4pm on 08444 111 444** or from a Mobile, **0300 330 06 50**

TYPETALK users should call 08444 111 445.

ADVICELINE will provide you with assisted information, or if appropriate, the opportunity to book an appointment at your nearest bureau. If you currently have a caseworker, you should continue to contact them via their direct telephone number.

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PC Todd

The summer flowers have wilted and the evergreen shrubs & plants are past their best. But beware! These items still have value and are attractive to nocturnal visitors.

Decorative plant pots/ornaments have become their target recently. Hornby Avenue, Hadleigh Close, Boynston Close and Eastwell Close all have had items taken.

Other crimes reported include diesel removed from a vehicle in Salters Lane and 2 tyres punctured whilst parked in Hornby Avenue.

A glass panel in a front door was smashed recently; the three male youths involved were chased down the street.

Pub Watch

At a meeting held recently in the Golden Lion, no issues were raised requiring further action from members.

PACT meeting

A Pact meeting was held directly after the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. The pact priority identified for the local police beat team this month is the area around Eden Drive/rear of Ceddesfeld Hall, where groups of youths have caused nuisance to residents.

Until next time, Keith

First World War Exhibition

Sedgefield Local History Society plans an exhibition in July 2014 to commemorate the beginning of World War I. The people of Sedgefield and beyond came up trumps for our Coronation exhibition earlier this year. Can you come to our aid again? The war memorial bears the names of 42 men from Sedgefield, Mordon and Bradbury who gave their lives in the conflict: men like George Roper, Richard Rainbird, Cecil Aubrey Lowes, Richard Milton Southwood, Walter Winn and the two Gallacher brothers. We want to honour men like these, as well as those men and women who did return, having done their patriotic duty.

If you have photos, stories or memories of Sedgefield people who served their country 100 years ago, please call 01740 620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk.

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Sedgefield Show: reflections

The agricultural show season has come to a close and we can reflect on the glorious summer days that helped make our show such a fantastic success. Sedgefield show is a self funding registered charity which seeks to improve agriculture, forestry, horticulture, allied industries, rural crafts and the breeding of livestock. In doing this the show provides an economically priced event and an enjoyable day out for all. By the positive feedback that has been received this year, we know the show is set to continue, at a time when many are having to close due to the expense incurred in holding an animal gathering event.

This unique event meets its costs from membership contributions, traders and people entering the show, making it self-funding - it should not be compared with other village events. As chairman I would like to thank the volunteers of the working committee for their time and experience in organising the show, the members and competitors who took part, and the many thousands of visitors to the show. Planning for 2014 has already started, to ensure there's even more to see and enjoy for competitors and visitors on Saturday August 9th 2014. We always welcome new members and volunteers willing to get involved. There are vacancies on the organising committee, so if you are interested please contact chairman, Ian Mason via www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk or call **01740621841**.

Interested in Spanish?

I have noticed a potential need for Conversational Spanish Classes in Sedgefield, for adults who wish to learn a new language or for those who wish to improve their holiday Spanish. Could anyone who is interested in practical conversational Spanish classes, please register your interest, indicating the level of class you would like (beginners, intermediate or advanced level.) If there is a sufficient level of interest I would be happy to organize and provide conversational Spanish classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced level, during the day and/or evening, starting as soon as required.

Please contact Dr. Carlos Jimenez-Novoa on 07740103455, email carlos1849@icloud.com





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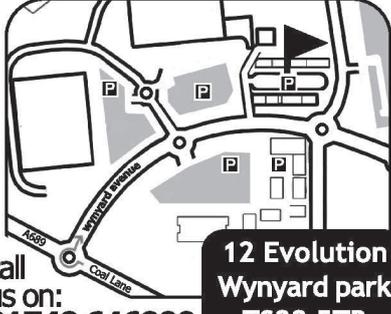
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November Events Diary

Friday 1st

Sedgefield Acoustic Evenings. Ceddesfeld Hall, 8.30pm. Also Wed 27th. Continues monthly on 1st Friday & 4th Wednesday. Informal singaround, all welcome.

Sedgefield & District U3A. 2pm, Parish Hall. Barbara Galloway on Game Show Gossip. Visitors welcome. For details, call Ray Manning - 629276

Sunday 3rd

Farmers' Market from 9.30am on the Village Green

Monday 4th

Local History Society Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm. Robert Cooper on 'The history of photography'

Residents' Forum 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Tuesday 5th

Sedgefield Garden Club. 7.30pm, Ceddesfeld Hall. Crete in Springtime by Dr Alan Pearson. All welcome

Wednesday 6th

Sedgefield WI. Parish Hall, 7.15pm. Will Marx, 'The music of the 1960s'. Members' competition: a photo of Sedgefield. Visitors welcome (£3.50 includes refreshments)

Friday 8th

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

Free Basic Life Support Course. Parish Hall 9:30 to 12:30. Limited to 16 people, first come first served. Call 07826928100

Saturday 9th

Cricket Club Quiz Night. Starts 8pm. Quizmaster: Phil Hartshorn

Tuesday 12th

Community College Concert. 6.30 - 9pm. Tickets £2 / £1 concessions, from College reception or Tickety Boo.

Ladies' Club. Phoenix cards by Alison Etheridge. Ceddesfeld Hall. Also November 26th; Jewellery Party by Marion Greenwell.

Friday 15th

Sedgefield WI Coffee Morning. 9.30-11.30am Parish Hall. Handmade Crafts, Bags & Cards. Home-made Cakes, Tombola, Refreshments. All welcome!

Live Music Night. Sedgefield Cricket Club, 7.45pm. Main guest Bernard Wrigley, the Bolton Bullfrog. Also, Loose Connection, John Weighell and John Wrightson Band. Admission £10 includes buffet. Tel 621347

Saturday 16th

Sedgefield Mags. 20th Anniversary Talk In with John Anderson. 7.30 pm at the Cricket Club. Q&A session, comedian, pie, pea & chips & bar. Tickets £15 from Paul Armes, 07966029434 or Michael Colledge on 07539 354539

Sedgefield in Bloom 50s, 60s & 70s Dance. 7.30pm, Parish Hall. Tickets £8 from council office, include pie & pea supper but bring your own drinks.

Monday 18th

Family History Group (branch of CFHS). Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm The History of Picture Postcards, George Nairn. Free valuation of pre-1955 postcards (will purchase or value). Visitors welcome. Info at 620367 or www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk. NB No Meeting in December

Meditation Group at St Edmund's church. 7 - 7.30pm. All welcome.

Tuesday 19th

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club. 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall. Christmas Cracker. Don Billington, NW demonstrator. Open meeting, all welcome.

Thursday 21st

Sedgefield Show AGM. 8pm in the Nag's Head at 8pm.

Friday 22nd

Sedgefield Blues Club with Krissy Matthews and Howlin' Matt. Tickets from the post office, website or phone 07931448469. **Nb. Act NOW - we sell out fast!**

Tuesday 26th

A Taste of Christmas - see opposite page

Thursday 28th

Sedgefield Wildlife Group. 7.45pm, Parish Hall. 'Flamingos, Gannets & Fur Seals' by Steve Ashton, followed by Faith Supper. Contact Steve on 01287 636382 or sashton@teeswildlife.org for more details

Regular meetings

New Generation Church

Services every Sunday at 11am in the Parish Hall

NECP Concertina Workshop

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

Eddies@4

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

Winterton Wayfarers

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

Bridge Club

Sunday & Tuesday, 7.30pm, Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. Jen 620434

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church, Mon-Thurs 9:15-11:45. Spaces for 2+yrs. Call 620923

Fishburn Art Group

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

Community College Bowls

Mons 6-8pm. Carpet Bowls/Short Mat Individual coaching. No age limit. 623198

Sedgefield Mags

1st Monday of month in Nag's head at 8pm. Contact 07966029434

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

Ceddesfeld Hall. Tues & Thurs mornings 8.30-12 Beginners welcome. 622532

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for elderly & disabled. Ceddesfeld Hall Tues 9.30-12 Wed 10-12.30 Thur 1-3.30

Craft Club

Swinhoe Rm, Ceddesfeld Hall, 2nd/4th Tues 7.30-10pm. 620656. All welcome

CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm

Sing for Health

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

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wed 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall (Mon1st wk of m'th) Beginners welcome 621292

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays, 7.30pm. Contacts, Bob, 07831270892 - Mel, 07530315331

Computers for everyday life

Sedgefield library in assoc with Age UK Drop in learning Thurs 10:30am-12:15pm

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members welcome. Contact Carl on 07775644598

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small friendly group 10am -12 Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall. SLYC 6pm Adults 7.30pm New members welcome.

Organisations holding multiple events this month

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall Friday 1st November, 10am - 12noon
Tea, coffee, biscuits, home baked produce, tombola & raffle. All welcome.

General Meeting. Ceddesfeld Hall, Tuesday 12th November at 7pm.
Ex-Services Personnel always welcome as new members.
Contact Carmel Guy, Secretary 01429 882571

Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December at the Parish Hall from 9am - 12 noon. With Sedgefield Handbell Ringers. Stalls including cakes, tombola and raffles. All welcome.

Sedgefield Social Club

Concert Room available for functions.
Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Events in November

Saturday 2nd: Debbie

Saturday 16th: Jimmy Moon

Saturday 23rd: John Conlon

Saturday 30th: Dery

Cover charge £1.50 pp.

Members & their guests welcome

COUNTRY NIGHT

Monday 18th: Nadine Stephenson
Cover charge £3 pp. All welcome.

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Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

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Vibrant exhibition by Sedgefield Photographer

Sedgefield based photographer, Ken Wilson has launched an exhibition at the National Railway Museum, Shildon to display iconic engines from their collection. Ken's many visits to Locomotion with his grandson gave him the inspiration to create vibrant photo art which displays railway engines in a new perspective. Ken uses his experience in landscape photography to look at the vehicles up close and in detail and create stunning photography. Up to 40 individual images form an exclusive collection with sections taken from engines such as the Duchess of Hamilton, No. 563 and guest engine Furness 20 plus more. The exhibition closes on 22nd November.

For more information please visit www.photographykenwilson.com.

Farmers' Market update

October saw the arrival of a new stallholder, giving the whole market a better balance of produce for customers. We are working to keep growing the market in coming months, increasing choice and the connection to fresh, local products. During the next month a new page will appear on sedgefieldweb.co.uk with the aim of giving customers more information on the traders, their produce, its provenance etc.

The working group is busy working for the re-launch in March and if you are interested in helping, the correct contact numbers are: Roger Clubley for SDT, 620609 and Angela Simpson for STC, 621273. I would like to apologise to the person whose phone number we gave in error last month.

Next Farmers' market - Sunday morning 3rd November

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Sports UPDATE

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The nights really seemed to have closed in fast and while the temperatures haven't dropped much yet, the weather is definitely autumnal. The onset of a new season, doesn't mean that there is any less sport to participate in or watch where we live, the nature of it just changes a little. Runners start to think about putting away their road shoes and hunting out spikes for the inevitable deep mud of the cross country season, while the squash, football and rugby seasons are really taking shape. And although the English domestic cricket season is over, we're only a month away from the next Ashes series down in Australia – late nights and early mornings listening to Test Match Special beckon! Meanwhile, I'm already thinking about my usual annual rant about the BBC renaming The Sports Review of the Year to Sports Personality of the Year. As the years pass by, my transformation into a grumpy old man gathers pace...

Football

After the success of last season, St Edmund's FC, Sedgfield's leading Sunday league team, started this term full of confidence. But things have not gone as well as expected with only one win, three draws and three defeats so far in league games in the Premier Division of the Durham District League. They fared better in cup competitions reaching the quarter final stage of the Alan Smith Cup. Everyone knows performances have to improve, as competition in the league is as strong as ever.

Cricket

Sedgfield Cricket Club is reflecting on another successful season. The 1st XI survived in one of the best leagues in the country (the ECB North Yorkshire and South Durham Premier Division), while the 2nd XI finished sixth in Division 2, the 3rd XI claimed fifth in the top Sunday league in the area, and all four junior teams finished in the top three of their respective leagues.

Although it is now the close season, there is plenty of activity behind the scenes and the club is actively seeking energetic new people to join its committee and help build on recent progress on. Sedgfield Cricket Club has a very enthusiastic and successful junior section - a huge credit and example, and to keep the stars of the future stars, a boost in income is desperately needed. If you think you can help take the club forward with fundraising or ways of bringing in sponsorship and helping to deliver ideas for development, then you could become a valuable addition to the committee. If you think you could help or if you or a company you know are interested in sponsoring or advertising with the club, please call chairman David Icteton on 07790335202.

Squash

Recently, 11 of Sedgfield Squash Club's junior players competed in the annual Durham and Cleveland County Closed Championships, held over two weekends at Yarm and Nunthorpe squash clubs. As last year, the club

provided two champions. Robert Pearce won the U19 title, beating Aycliffe's Alex MacFarlane in a re-run of last year's U17 final. Oliver Walls retained his U15 title in a very competitive category, beating the up-and-coming Ben Cross from Yarm. Oliver also competed strongly in the U17, just being shaded in the semis. Dan Toas competed strongly in both the U15 and U17 categories, with George Peden (U17). Rory Varley and Oliver Larcombe both made the plate finals of the U17 & U19 respectively, both achieving the runner-up position. Keir MacDougall, in his first full season, competed in the U15 and Jack Stephenson put up a spirited performance in the U13. For the girls, Jessica Weatherspoon bravely took on an all-boy field in the U9 mixed, before competing strongly in the U11 girls. Chloe Hill took 3rd place in the U13 girls, while older sister Gemma entered the U15 and U17 girls. All 3 categories were eventually won by Yarm's young star Lucinda Cross. The Sedgfield youngsters were a great credit to the club, which now boasts one of the strongest junior sections in the county.

Athletics

Leading the way on the treadmill of young athletes wearing the vest of Sedgfield Harriers is Abie Hearmon. We have reported on Abie many times in recent years, firstly about her achievements in junior races and lately about her first outings in senior races. Following eye catching results at the Great North Run (1hr 32mins) and the very hilly Richmond 10k (42mins 46secs) you can be sure we will continue to report Abie's results. Abie is coached by Harriers coach Scott Hydon. Every now and then, junior athletes make rapid improvements and with tremendous timing Abie is in one of those phases as competition moves into the winter,

including the various cross country championships. Watch this space for updates on her progress.

Abie Hearmon in action during the Richmond 10k



Earlier this year, a new group was formed to support Sedgfield Harriers - the Friends of Sedgfield Harriers (FoSH). They have taken on the task of raising the funds for the installation of an athletics track at Sedgfield

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Community College. Following a lot of hard work and form filling by the chair of FoSH, Clive Crosby, the group has now achieved charitable status which will be a great boon when applying for grants and the like. Meanwhile, in September, Harriers received planning consent for the proposed track and the project is now gathering momentum into the design phase. FoSH has many fundraising initiatives getting going. The Harriers are aiming high for a top quality track. The club stresses that this will be an inclusive community facility that will be available for use by individuals, teams and clubs from sports other than athletics, including disability sports, along with students at Sedgefield Community College, and of course the Harriers themselves. Progress will be reported through Sedgefield News. If you feel you can support the Harriers 'Back the Track' campaign in any way or if you'd like



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The Sedgefield Mags

Founded by Mark Beveridge in 1993, Sedgefield Mags supporters' club is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The first meeting was attended by 7 people, but the group soon expanded and started to run a bus to Newcastle United home games. The buses run to this day, stopping at Sedgefield, Fishburn, Trimdon, Coxhoe & Bowburn. The club has forged ties with NUFC, leading to the Sedgefield Mags making numerous awards to players on the pitch on match days, giving members privileged access behind the scenes at St. James' Park. The club currently has around 70 members and meets in the Nag's Head at 8pm on the 1st Monday of the month. New members are welcome. To celebrate the anniversary, Sedgefield Mags will hold an evening with ex NUFC player John Anderson at Sedgefield Cricket Club on Saturday 16th November. Full details in the Diary on p 6. That's all for now. Please send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

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Your Letters

Hardwick Live

What a fantastic event the recent Hardwick Live was. Top class performances in a beautiful setting. The event was a brilliant showcase for the local area to the thousands of visitors and has put Sedgefield on the map. Many Sedgefield people of all ages were there and enjoyed a great day out. Fingers crossed that the event is repeated next year.

Geoff and Liz Hughes

Thanks to children who helped

I wish to send my grateful thanks to some pupils from Sedgefield Community College who tended to me as I fell and knocked myself out. The children found me on the road in Cross Street and made me comfortable until they got help. They even tended my little dog. They phoned for an ambulance but by then I had come to my senses and realised what they had done for me.

I phoned Mr Davis at the college and asked him to find out who they were and commend them for their swift action, which he did. Sometimes schoolchildren get a bad name but not all children are alike, as my incident proved.

Mrs Lilian Suddes

Stem cell donor fundraising for Anthony Nolan

I was recently contacted by Anthony Nolan to say that I was a match for a patient in need of a stem cell transplant. I initially joined the register 7-8 years ago as my friend's little sister was ill and in need of a donor. During that time Anthony Nolan has contacted me on 4 separate occasions about being a potential match for someone. There was more urgency about their contact this time so I knew I must have been a very good match.

After further blood tests and a medical, I was passed fit to donate. In the 4 days before the donation I was given 4 injections to encourage the stem cells to move from the bone marrow into the bloodstream ready for collection. So came the day of donation. The usual method is via each arm but during the medical the nurses couldn't identify a strong enough vein in either arm so they decided to put a central line into a larger vein at the top of my right leg. Once this was done I was hooked up to the machine that takes the stem cells needed for the transplant for just over 5 hours.

Later that day the transplant centre phoned with the results and the nurse informed me they had managed to take over double the requested amount. I really hope this has helped the recipient.

I am raising funds on behalf of the Anthony Nolan charity, so if you would like to help, please visit www.justgiving.com/john-ashwell. Any contributions are welcomed, however large or small. Thank you.

John Ashwell. jonashwell@hotmail.com

Thank you from two fundraisers

Thank you to all who came and supported my coffee morning at Hardwick Hall and to all the friends who helped. We made £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Margaret Dickerson

Many thanks to all who contributed through donations, time and team effort at the Parish Hall Bring & Buy and Tombola at Sainsbury's, for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. The total raised was £2336! Much appreciation also to all the businesses who donated generously towards raffle/tombola prizes and also to Barclays for match funding up to £750. All prizes have been allocated and the 'Guess the weight of the cake' at 3.332kg was won with the nearest guess at 3.39kg. Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity dedicated to breast cancer research. www.breakthrough.org.uk

Maureen Legender

Wind turbine response. Your opinion matters, but ...

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