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Sedgefield NEWS

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Community Lawyers Project is now ready for business

In 1902 Clarence Darrow addressed prisoners in Cook County Jail and said, **"Nine tenths of you are in jail because you did not have a good lawyer and, of course, you did not have a good lawyer because you did not have enough money to pay a good lawyer."**

Times have changed dramatically in the funding of legal services since Darrow's address but the government have proposed further cuts in legal aid which could lead to thousands of people without adequate access to legal representation.

Since being a law student I have always believed that people should have access to legal advice if they were ever unfortunate enough to need it but, when I qualified as a solicitor, I recognised that there were people who did not qualify for legal aid or could not afford legal representation. After having a good moan to Gloria Wills that everyone should have a fundamental right to access our legal system regardless of their financial situation we developed the idea of a free legal clinic for the local community. Our vision was to enable those who could not access legal aid or afford to pay for legal advice to be able to get some form of representation. In conjunction with Sedgefield Development Trust, Gloria has worked closely with LawWorks, a charity that provides free legal help to community groups and individuals who cannot afford to pay for it or access legal aid, and they have kindly provided us with indemnity insurance, unwavering support and paid for my current practising certificate. She has also kindly received funding from Councillor David Brown through the Members' Neighbourhood Initiative Fund. David recognised the importance of such a crucial service in particularly harsh economic times.

After graduating from the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, with commendation, I started my legal career in a large firm in Manchester. I moved back to the local area and worked as an associate solicitor for a firm specialising in civil litigation, employment law, contract, debt recovery and landlord and tenant matters. Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to work with some very talented lawyers including Michael Redfern QC who was appointed Chairman of the Royal Liverpool Children's Inquiry (Alder Hey Hospital) and who chaired the Redfern Inquiry into human tissue analysis in UK nuclear facilities. I am married and have one son Harry, who is 2 years old.

If you need advice in any of my specialist areas then please feel free to ring 01740 629011 to make an appointment, briefly outlining the problem. At present the clinic will run for approximately two hours per week and there will be additional time spent outside clinic hours undertaking research and administrative tasks. I would like to assure any potential clients that even though the clinic is free I am required to maintain my duty of confidentiality and follow the Solicitors' Code of Conduct and therefore all matters discussed within the clinic will remain confidential.

Mrs Rebecca Hagan BA Hons, Solicitor

Community Lawyers is a project of Sedgefield Development Trust in partnership with LawWorks. Our solicitor will be able to provide initial legal advice. She will be able to draft letters with the clients, advise them on filling in forms, deadlines, how to start proceedings etc, working on the basis that she is there to assist them to help themselves.

Rebecca Hagan



Sedgefield Community Association

Celebrate



Successful Years

Afternoon exhibition of activities
& history at Ceddesfeld Hall
Informal evening with entertainment

Saturday 16th October

We invite all SCA members,
past & present to join in
We'd like to hear your memories
of past events & people
Please ensure that your section/
interest group is represented
Contacts: David/Wendy 620206,
Pat/Dudley 620607
John/Maxine 620042

Folk Festival: it's not too late to get involved

**Tickets are still available for
Concerts in the Parish Hall on
3rd & 4th September and in
St Edmund's Church on the 4th.**

You can enjoy free Singarounds
on the 3rd, 4th & 5th in
Ceddesfeld Hall, and music work-
shops on Saturday 4th are also free
to all. There's Song arranging,
Fiddle, Bodhran, Ukulele & Spoons,
all in Ceddesfeld Hall;
Irish Dance in the Fletcher Room of
the Parish Hall (12 noon)
and a Storyteller in the Library
(10.30am - 12.30).

Sedgefield Charities

Applications for Education Grants
can be made until 30th September.
Contact John Hannon,
Clerk to the Trustees on
01740 622512
or e-mail
east.house@btinternet.com

All **Tickety-Boo** again

Last September we bid a sad farewell to Julie & Michael Bick of 'Selections'. Now, after a year of hard work by Phil & Linda Smith and son Richard, who will manage the new shop, the doors are open again. Beautifully restored outside and with the interior completely remodelled, the building will now probably last into the 2100s and beyond!

Phil, Linda & Richard wish to thank
 Builder, Stuart Reid
 Joiner, John Thompson
 Carpenter, Norman Burchett
 Cabinet Maker, Richard Tennick
 Electrician, Peter Hannant
 Plumber, Gary Taylor
 Interiors, Gary Muncaster
 Painters, Mitte and
 Sign Writer, Phil Anderson
They have all done superb work

TICKETY~BOO is OPEN!

Walk in and be amazed! There's a mouth-watering array of **Old Fashioned Sweets** in rainbow rows of glass jars.

On the counters are impossible-to-choose selections of **Continental Chocolates** and fabulous **Candy**.

The **Ice Cream** comes in wonderful flavours and is served through the window on sunny days.

Children will love the **Pocket Money Toys** (great stocking fillers for Christmas) and while they choose, there are grown up treats ...

Colourful **Candles**, gorgeously scented **Bomb Cosmetics**, and a tasteful range of **Designer Giftware**

You'll find **Cards, Gift Wrap & Partyware** for every occasion too.

**Open 9am ~ 6pm from Monday ~ Saturday
 and 10am ~ 4pm on Sunday**

There's a treat for everyone at TICKETY~BOO



A happy summer's day

Sedgefield Town Trip was once again very well attended, with 112 people having a lovely afternoon in Redcar.



The trip has been sponsored primarily by Sedgefield Charities for the last three years. Billy Cooper, who has organised the trip for many years, agreed to remain an active member of the organising team. The trip is supported by Sedgefield Development Trust and they would like to thank the Town Council staff, the Post Office staff, Margaret Stewart, Billy Cooper and Linda Maddison for their help. This year, transport was provided by Tees Valley Coaches.



Astronaut visits college

Students from Sedgefield Community College were given a once in a life-time chance to meet an American Astronaut last term.

Mission Specialist Michael Good visited the College to explain to the students about his life as an astronaut and his recent mission on Space shuttle Atlantis, STS -132. This mission was to deliver a Russian Rassvet mini-Research Module-1 to the International Space Station. Mike returned to Earth on May 26th, along with 6 other astronauts.

Students had a fascinating morning which inspired them to believe in themselves and to follow their dreams.

Pictured below, Dave Davies with Michael Good



Blooming Marvellous Entry

Britain in Bloom judges Martyn Hird and Jim Goodwin received a blooming marvellous welcome when they visited Sedgefield on August 12th.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of gardeners, volunteers, residents and owners of commercial premises, the centre of Sedgefield village looked stunning. The judges were visibly impressed by beautiful horticultural features placed at all the entrances to the town; a topiary horse at the racecourse (*see right*), a renovated vintage seed drill at Beacon Lane and two eye catching roundabouts planted with ornamental grasses, trees and herbaceous plants. The RHS highlight the importance of community involvement, which, in Sedgefield, has been outstanding; Beavers and Brownies growing produce at Winterton allotment, primary school pupils planting tubs on the green, Community College students restoring that wonderful seed drill, older residents taking a pride in their own gardens as well as village projects, such as Ceddesfeld Gardens. All contribute to the blooming marvellous team effort which makes for a winning combination. Hardwick Hall Hotel kindly provided the judges' complimentary accommodation and Turner's Taxis generously supplied a mini bus to transport the judges around the driven part of their tour. Special thanks to them and to local businesses and organisations, who generously supported Sedgefield in Bloom. Finally, thanks to the enthusiastic team of volunteers and to the people of Sedgefield for working together so beautifully. Let's hope our efforts are crowned with gold! Britain in Bloom results will be announced at the RHS presentation evening in Birmingham on September 29th, Northumbria in Bloom on September 13th.

Would you like to learn more about Counselling?

We plan to run a 5 week introductory course at Ceddesfeld Hall, the theme of which will cover the skills, knowledge and self-awareness required by people using counselling techniques i.e. confidentiality, listening, observing and reflecting skills. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact

Wendy Gill (620206) or Pat Buckley-Atkins (620697)

Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir

Ex members are invited to a fantastic re-union weekend planned for October. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass it on. Contact Sandy on 620609.

Snapshots of Sedgefield

Not much feedback from last month's photo of the 1924 schoolchildren, though everyone seems to agree that Anthony Swinbank is the spit and image of his dad when young. As we are short of space this month, the photo kindly supplied by Harry Smith will be included later. Meanwhile, Sedgefield Local History Society would love to hear from anyone who would like to donate or loan items of interest. Please call me on 620091 or email norma@neal.co.uk

Many thanks ...

...from residents and staff of **Willowdene Nursing Home** - a big thank you to the WI and people of Sedgefield for making them feel so welcome at the coffee morning held on Saturday 31st July. We look forward to meeting you all again at future events and don't forget, you are always welcome at Willowdene for a drink and a chat.

Thanks also from the birthday girl

Margaret Harris writes ...

I wish to thank everyone that came along to celebrate my 90th birthday with me. I was so pleased to see each friendly face. Thank you for the beautiful cards you gave me - I keep reading them over and over and I will treasure them, truly. Thanks too for your generous gifts. That was a well kept secret wasn't it, Nikki and Paul - well done. Thank you so much to all the helpers.

I do appreciate you for helping Nikki.

You know, folks, I consider it a real privilege to live in Sedgefield. I am very lucky to know all you nice friendly people. Your sincere buddy anytime,

Margaret.



Community SAFETY



Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel Minutes of Meeting held on 10th August 2010

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting, 08/06/2010: were accepted and approved as a true record.

2. Matters Arising: There were none.

3a Treas. Report: Treasurer provided details of present financial position.

3b Sec. Report: Secretary gave details of correspondence issued & received.

4. Representative Reports: a) Community Force: Tim Spearey was unable to provide his normal report due to administrative problems. A member questioned Tim about time spent in the village (following last Panel meeting report of 3 out of 4 working days being achieved); responding Tim informed members that he is spending most of his time outside the village. This is due to a number of factors, which he described.

b) Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Neil Langthorne described the way N/Hood Watch is to be organised, led and managed in the future. He also confirmed that all civilian employees of the Durham Police Force have been given their statutory (90 day) notice as part of the impending staff cuts necessary under the new cost saving arrangements required by Government and the Local Authority. Neil emphasised the need for communities to provide more self help from organisations like our own N/H/Watch and kindly praised our members for their good work over the years in Sedgefield. Principally the main change to N/H/Watch is that it will be reverting back to a civilian / volunteer led body with support from the Police, there will be a National Group, Regional Groups, District/Area Groups and finally all the Local (us) Groups /schemes. A major change will be that the new organisation will be totally internet based. Members felt that over reliance on the "net" would be detrimental to N/H/watch and especially to a body of people such as Sedgefield N/H/ Watch members.

Neil advised that the first Regional meeting for our area will be held in October and will be open to the public, and he urged members to attend.

5 Alan Sowerby Memorial - Schools' Citizenship Awards:

Acting Chair David Hillerby reported that on Tuesday 20th of July along with C/man Ken Saiger he had attended the special morning assembly at the Hardwick Primary School, arranged to facilitate this award to their chosen pupil. This was Ellie Gains, described by Head Teacher Linda Johnston as a very friendly, courteous and sensible person who genuinely cares for other people, behaves well, is a credit to her family and the school - she is a truly good citizen.

On Friday 23rd of July David & Ken attended Sedgefield Primary School where at the Leavers' ceremony David presented the award to Joseph Taylor who, in Head Teacher Sandra Marks' words, was clearly the most outstanding pupil in the school and fully deserved the Citizenship award. (see photos)

David advised members that in respect of the Community College Citizenship award we are still awaiting information/arrangements from the responsible officer at the College. This was all meant to be arranged before the end of last term. It is understood that details may be forthcoming in the autumn term.

6. A.O.B. Ring Round System: Neil was informed of two potential problems with the system.

Meeting Closed (next meeting, including AGM 12/10/10) & PACT opened
Police Crime Report from 8th June - 10th Aug 2010: - Keith issued his report, there were: 3 Thefts + 1 Attempted; 2 Damage (1 to car - 1 to property); & 2 Assaults recorded.

Members commented on seeing PCSO Gavin Rutter around the village on his bike and commended the Police for the work Gavin puts in & also his PCSO colleagues, in the village & our surrounding areas. (photo right: Gavin in action!)

Relevant Telephone Numbers:

To contact **Local Police: 0345 60 60 365**. NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident number.

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield: **623654**

or via Chilton Control Room: **01388 721351**

For advice/assistance: Police CPO Keith Lownds: 01325 742714

Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

PC Todd reports

Once again I can happily report that crime remains low in and around Sedgefield with only 3 crimes reported.

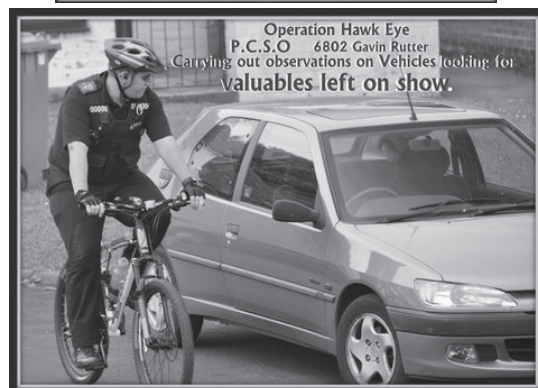
A young male aged about 20 years, should be ashamed for running away from a taxi without paying his £50 fare from Richmond. If anyone knows who he is, please let me know. The other crimes reported are assaults, both involving a lone male being assaulted, one in Durham Rd, the other in West End.

Pub Watch A meeting was held in the Dun Cow. Licensees were reminded to be vigilant and check for identification of young persons who wish to be served with alcoholic drinks.

P.A.C.T. It was decided that the priority this month would be inconsiderate drivers who park on double yellow lines/footpaths outside Sainsbury's, North End. Don't be caught out - park sensibly.



Ellie Gains (above) & Joseph Taylor (below), winners of the Alan Sowerby Schools' Citizenship Awards 2010



Operation Hawk Eye
P.C.S.O 6802 Gavin Rutter
Carrying out observations on Vehicles looking for
valuables left on show.

Jottings from August Residents' Forum meeting

The Forum addressed on-going issues of lack of information from local Councillors regarding footpath repairs and youth provision for the village. The reply from the Local Government Ombudsman was discussed and a reply to her letter was agreed. Durham County Council's (DCC) reply to the questions submitted under the Freedom of Information Act were not very informative, one issue they were unable to give any information at all so it was agreed to send a further letter. The meeting had 2 important issues to discuss; the response to the County Durham Plan and the submitted application for wind turbines in Spring Lane.

It was agreed that the County Durham plan caused concerns in regard to the rationale of developing larger major centres and leaving small villages with little or no regeneration. The 'scoring' system used for land allocation for housing is flawed, this was acknowledged by DCC and the consultant who did the study (no doubt at great expense). The Forum agreed a response highlighting that land identified for potential build in Sedgfield was unacceptable and that our village was at its maximum for housing development. There will be further consultation on DCC land allocation for housing in the Autumn, the Forum will endeavour to keep everyone informed of dates – your views and opinions on such issues are essential.

The application for 3 wind turbines in Spring Lane has been submitted again, a controversial proposal for our community submitted at a time when many people are on holiday and groups and Town Council do not meet. The original response date was to be Aug 13th (this date appears on DCC web site) but after representation from the Forum, Town Council and individual residents DCC have agreed to an information session in the Parish Hall from 3pm to 7pm on September 6th (The next Residents' Forum meeting will start at 7pm so residents can give their views).

THIS APPLICATION WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE VILLAGE. Approx 60 lorries carrying concrete will enter the village via Station Road whilst the larger loads will enter the village passing the Community Hospital and using Durham Road to access Spring Lane. There will have to be considerable structural changes to roundabouts, footpaths etc to enable access and of course there is risk to the foundations and structure of properties on the route. Spring Lane to Foxton is currently a single track road. This will have to be widened, taking out trees and hedgerows. The estimated time scale is 9 months but it could obviously be considerably longer. There will be leaflet and information drop to all houses, please try to attend the information session and Forum on September 6th. **It is essential that everyone gives their views** on this considerable disruption to our village and the fact that our community is in danger of being surrounded by turbines (the 11 at Butterwick will shortly start to appear). It may currently only be 3 turbines proposed for Spring Lane but are we to seriously believe the developer will go to such great expense with road changes for just 3 – many more can be anticipated. You must give your views and comments on this issue, it needs **residents** to respond, not just the Residents Forum, even if you don't live on the affected routes think of the disruption to everyday life in the village.

Next Forum meeting: Sept 6th, 7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall.

Flu & Pneumonia protection

Dr Jones and partners: Sedgfield, Fishburn, Trimdon Village & Trimdon Colliery.

The practice will receive the bulk of its influenza vaccines during the week ending 24 September. We had very successful open clinics last year and would like to repeat the exercise this year. **Sedgfield surgery will be open on Saturday morning 25th September and Saturday morning 2nd October between the hours of 9.00 and 12.00.** Trimdon Colliery surgery will be open on Saturday morning 25 September between 9.00 and 12.00. We see this as the most effective way to deliver vaccine early in the season. If you fall into one of the categories that most benefit from vaccination, please try to attend. Don't be put off if the surgery seems over-full. The maximum number of doctors, nurses, health care assistants and administrative staff will be working. We can get through a large number of people very quickly indeed! Priority categories are: All patients over 65. Those under 65 in what are known as clinical at risk groups:- COPD and asthma (asthma if on repeated use of medication): chronic heart disease: chronic renal disease: chronic liver disease: chronic neurological disease, (stroke, TIA): diabetes: immuno-suppression due to disease or treatment and pregnant women who have not previously received a swine flu vaccination. Additional categories: carers and poultry workers. **You don't need an appointment – just come along and be protected for the winter.**



SBH tenants may now pay online

Local tenants now have the option of paying house and garage rent securely online.

Tenants can easily use this new service by visiting **www.sedgfieldboroughhomes.co.uk**

Click the link to '**do it online**' and follow links to '**pay your rent**'.

For more information please contact the Income section on

0845 505 5500

Strange ducks ...!

One hot day in July, Round Table members were out dragging the pond in Ceddesfeld Gardens. They braved the foul-smelling black sludge at the bottom and removed 2 trailer loads of dead branches and rubbish. They also chopped down self seeded saplings from the edge of the pond. Our 'brave knights', attacked by nettles, brambles and foul smells, emerged triumphant, if hot, battle-scarred and very thirsty. Refreshed by a trip to a local hostelry they agreed it had been fun. Thanks a lot to you all for giving up a precious Saturday. The pond looks so much better! We hope we can call on you again in the future...

Friends of Ceddesfeld Gardens

Butterwick Moor Wind Farm: Update

As promised, we have more details of the delivery of components for the ten wind turbines being developed at Butterwick Moor. Heavy or large loads will be coordinated with the Local Council Highways Department and Police, initial deliveries being escorted by police. The loads will come from the A1(M) by the A689 to enter Butterwick Road from the South at Waterloo Corner. Deliveries are expected to start on Sept 6th & continue at about two convoys per week (normally on consecutive days) until October 14th. There could be some alterations to the pattern but normally there would be a delivery of 3 tower sections, the nacelle & hub on day 1, followed by 3 blades early the next day. **These operations will be managed as far as possible to minimise delays to road traffic.**

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

The football season is well and truly underway, and with it, fans everywhere are starting to get an idea of whether their aspirations for 2010/11 are grounded in any degree of realism. Time will tell. Meanwhile, we are moving into the final stages of England's campaign to host the 2018 FIFA World Cup. By the time you read this, a delegation from FIFA will have visited the country to inspect the facilities detailed in the England bid. Their itinerary took them to only four out of the 12 cities that would host matches in 2018 – London, Sunderland, Newcastle Gateshead and Manchester.

Niall Quinn, Chairman of Sunderland AFC, got it right when he commented just ahead of the visit: "I think that everyone in Sunderland and the North East is convinced that this region will be a phenomenal area in which to host FIFA World Cup matches. It is a real honour that Sunderland is one of the Candidate Host Cities that has been chosen for the FIFA inspection. I hope the inspectors will be hugely impressed by what they see and hear and hope that this visit makes a positive difference ahead of the announcement of FIFA's final decision on December 2nd." There are now fewer than 100 days until FIFA announces its decision. I really hope they give the nod to England and if they do, the North East will have played a huge role in securing the tournament.

Sedgefield Harriers

Women's Running Group

In the spring and summer Sedgefield Harriers have led running groups on behalf of Durham County Council, for women who wish to take up running for fitness. These have taken place in Hardwick Park each Wednesday at 5.15pm for an hour over blocks of eight weeks and have proved very enjoyable – those taking part have made good progress. The next block starts on Wednesday 29th September and this time, the sessions will start and finish at the entrance to Ceddesfeld Hall. It is predominantly an initiative by the council to encourage women back into sport and activity but the Harriers won't 'tell' if men attend too! This is an opportunity to benefit from coach-led sessions without the commitment of joining a club. Call Marie Urwin of Durham County Council on 07834 569 436



Niall Quinn and Paul Watson at Sunderland's proposed FIFA Fan Fest site at Herrington Country Park

or Ean Parsons of Sedgefield Harriers on 07771 828 568 for more information, or just turn up on the 29th.

Great North Run Night

This year sees the 30th Great North Run, on Sunday 19th September. For the first time Sedgefield Harriers are hosting an evening for Great North Runners and their family and supporters. You don't have to be a member of the Harriers to go along. The idea is to get together to talk about any aspect of the run; route, preparation, transport, shoes, training, the junior event, the best place to watch etc. All are welcome – whether it is your first time, your 30th time or whether you are thinking about it for next year. The event is being held in the Nag's Head at 8.00pm on Thursday 2nd September and it will start with a presentation by Sedgefield Harrier John Tomlinson who is a member of the exclusive '30 Club' of runners who has completed every single Great North Run since it started in 1981.

Speaking of the Great North Run, Sedgefield Harriers are delighted that their guest speaker at this year's annual dinner will be two time winner of the Great North Run and Olympic silver medallist, Mike Mcleod – aka 'The Elswick Express'. Members should note that the date of the dinner is now Saturday 13th November. Watch out for ticket information as places are limited.

Temple Challenge

Sedgefield Harriers staged their inaugural Temple Challenge Race as part of the Sedgefield Show on

Saturday 14th August, except that due to the Roman Weekend in Hardwick Park the race went to the round pond instead of to the temple! The race was intended to be in the mould of the traditional country show races – a short distance, open to everyone and with a cash prize and an exciting finish. Spectators were not disappointed; Sedgefield resident and member of Aycliffe AC James Askew narrowly held off the challenge of Sedgefield Junior Harrier Jonathan Baines to win by only two seconds. The race will be a feature of the show in future years on an entry on the day basis.

Triathlons

Some intrepid Sedgefield Harriers have been in action in the sport of triathlon recently. Ian Blakemore took on the Nottingham Outlaw Ironman Distance Tri on Sunday 8th August at the National Watersports Centre. The swim was in the Regatta Lake at the centre, the bike was three loops around the Southwell area and then back to the Watersports Centre for the run around the lake and then into and out of Nottingham City Centre. Ian completed the whole race in 11hrs 29mins and came 187th out of 714 athletes taking part. Meanwhile Clare Westwood completed a Steelman (half Ironman distance) Triathlon in North Yorkshire on the 3rd July in a time of 6 hours and 11 minutes.

Happy Fifth Birthday

Sedgefield Harriers will be marking the fifth anniversary of their first run with a run around the lake of Hardwick Park on Tuesday 7th

September, starting at 6pm at the gates of the cricket club. This is a short, safe run out across East Park and through the underpass so that all members and their families can take part. Any members coming along should wear an item of club clothing if possible.

Squash

Following a big year for the squash club, everybody is eagerly awaiting the start of the new season, which kicks off in September (although court usage over the summer reached record levels). For a small, community focused club, Sedgefield now boasts some of the best courts in the region.

The season starts with a team handicap competition, to help shake off any cobwebs for those who took advantage of the break, or for those who overindulged at the club's recent summer barbeque! Results will be posted in the next Sedgefield News. Leagues will be back up and running, and the club expects strong performances from the three men's teams and the ladies' team in the Durham and Cleveland leagues. The club also intends to run both a women's and men's 'friendly' team this year, to give more players the opportunity to play people from other clubs. Junior squash coaching commences again on 4th September, running on Saturday mornings and catering for all standards from 7-16 years old. New juniors are always welcome to come along and give it a go. New club members are welcome. The club offers discounted rates for couples and 'off-peak' players. Please contact Chris Rowsby on 621125 or visit www.sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk.

Rugby

As the season draws nearer, Sedgefield District Rugby Union Club now trains on a Tuesday evening as well as Thursday, from 7.30pm at the community college. A few new faces have joined the side this year and the club is looking stronger in all areas. With 19 people training on a regular basis and people working shifts, competition for places in the starting line up is going to be

fierce. As promised last month, here is a list of all the club title winners for last season:

Hugh Carter: Players' player of the year

David Chester: Young player of the year

Philip Morley: Player of the year

Ian Grieve: Coaches' award

David Chester: Most improved player

Paul Wilkinson: Chairman's award

The club is grateful to Durham City RFC, which has let Sedgefield use its scrum machine a few times during the pre-season build up.

With expert advice on hand, this is one part of the game in which Sedgefield aims to dominate.

The club is also looking for someone to write match reports, as well as a photographer for match days. If you feel like giving it a go, please get along to a training session or contact the club on 07578316499.

Junior Football

As well as Sedgefield Juniors FC, which I frequently write about in Sedgefield News, there are other junior clubs in the vicinity of the village, including Trimdon United Juniors FC in Trimdon Village. The club is well organised, with league teams playing at U8, U11, U13, U14, U15 and U18 levels in the Teesside Juniors Football Alliance, as well as a thriving mini tots group which takes children from 4 to 7 years of age.

All coaches within the club are qualified to or working towards the English FA's level 1 coaching badge and have completed CRB checks, giving parents peace of mind that their children are in safe hands during training and matches. If any parents have children with an interest in joining the club, they can go along and observe a training session, allowing the young person to join in if they wish, with a view to joining the club. For further information please contact club secretary Ian Grimley on iangrimley@googlemail.com. More on Sedgefield Juniors FC next month I hope!

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

Great North Run

Having successfully completed the Great North Run last year, Dame Memory-Jogger of Sedgefield has now passed the baton, so to speak, to one of her servants - namely, Sedgefield Sarah, the cook.

Dame M-J wishes to thank again all who sponsored her on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society.

Sedgefield Sarah will run, jog, walk or crawl the thirteen plus miles on September 19th to support the same cause. Sarah's training runs take place around the oh-so-beautiful Hardwick Park, a great credit to everyone concerned with its development and maintenance.

Sedgefield Rugby Club training nights

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30pm at the school

No experience necessary, age 17+

You can contact the club on 07578316499 or check our website www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk

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September Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 1st September
7.15pm, Parish Hall. Gail Clark on
The Expert Patient Programme
Harvest Bring & Buy, broth & bun
Remember to bring your bowl & spoon!
Members' competition:
a potato print on paper
Visitors welcome - fee £2.50

Sedgefield Harriers' Events

Thursday 2nd September
Great North Run Night
8pm, Nag's Head.
Tuesday 7th September
5th Anniversary Birthday Run
6pm, Cricket Club gates.
Wednesday 29th September
Women's Running Group
5.15pm, Ceddesfeld Hall Entrance
Details: pages 6 /7 or
www.sedgefieldharriers.com

101 at the Black Lion
Sunday 5th September - 9pm

Local History Society

Monday 6th September
Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm
Olly Burton: Heraldry (local)

Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 6th September
Social Evening
Monday 20th September
Food Tasting

Residents' Forum

Monday 6th September
7pm in the Fletcher Room
NB. Information session by DCC
from 3pm to 7pm (see p5)

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 7th September
7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 9th September
Meeting at 8pm in the Nag's Head

SLYC term begins

Friday 10th September
at 6pm in Ceddesfeld Hall on
For singers aged 7 - 18

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 11th September
Eyes down at 7.30pm

Rocking the Regency

Hardwick Park, 11am-3pm
Saturday 11th September
Part of National Heritage Open
Day events. Step back in time to the
18th century. Meet characters, play
traditional games & take part in arts
& crafts. Free - no booking

Farmers' Market

Sunday 12th September
9.30 - 1.30, village green

Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
Tuesday 14th September
Social evening
Tuesday 28th September
Life Story of Land Girls & Lovers

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 14th September
Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Demonstration by
Kathleen Edmenson

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 16th September
7.45pm Parish Hall
Hedleyhope Fell: Past, Present
& Future. Craig Best
Info: Steve Ashton 01287 636382
sashton@teeswildlife.org

Sedgefield Family History

(branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 20th September
7:45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
4 Scandals & a Gooseberry
Chris Lloyd (Northern Echo)
Info: Sylvia Hall 620367

Live Music Night

Sedgefield Cricket Club, 8pm
Saturday 25th September
John Wrightson Band, Scratch
Band, Trish McLean & Ian Wright,
Brown Eyes Blue and John Weighell
Admission £6 inc buffet. Tel 621347

Sedgefield Drama Festival of One Act Plays

Mon 20th - Sat 25th September
7.30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall
Tickets £6, concessions £5
Season tickets £25, concessions
£20, from Tickety-Boo or call
01740 620091 or 621771

Sedgefield Family History Computer Group

Come along for help finding those
elusive ancestors via the internet
Monday 27th September
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.30pm, £1 pp
Info: S Hall 620367

Salute our Heroes Race Day

Supporting the ABF,
The Soldiers' Charity & SSAFA
Tuesday 28th September
at Sedgefield Racecourse
Gates Open 12.25pm
1st Race 2.25pm
Last Race 5.15pm

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

Winterton Wayfarers Walking Group

Each Sunday, walks varying in
length from 5 to 10 miles.
More info at 620034 or 620434

Sedgefield Library Events

Tickle Time 2.15-3pm
Mondays 13th & 27th September
Rhyme Time 10-11am
Wednesdays 15th & 29th Sept
Toy Library 10-11am
Wednesday 8th & 22nd Sept
Book Circle
Wednesday 15th Sept - 2pm

Round Table

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

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15 - 7.30pm
in the Nag's Head
New members welcome
629070 or 620562

Café@St Catherine's

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

Sedgefield Playgroup

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

October events

More details in the next issue

Willowdene Nursing Home

Body Shop Party
Friday 1st October 10.30 -11.30am

SPYS Starts again

Sunday 3rd October 6.30pm Parish Hall.
New members welcome, min age 7

Lirica & CeddesFolk concert

Ceddesfeld Hall, Sunday 3rd October

Trafalgar Dinner

Ceddesfeld Hall, Saturday 23rd October
Tickets £20: Pat 620607/Wendy 620206

SLYC reunion weekend

Fri/Sat/Sun 22nd-24th October

Sedgefield Rugby Club

Halloween Fancy Dress Party
Cricket Club, Saturday 30th October
Tickets on sale now from Nag's Head.

Sedgefield Harriers

Five years ago this month an item in Sedgefield News fired the starting gun for a running club in Sedgefield, & Sedgefield Harriers came about. Each year has seen a dramatic increase in the scope and activities of the club and the involvement of many motivated individuals. With more than 50 senior members and 80 juniors, Sedgefield Harriers are probably the most progressive athletics club in County Durham and the North East. Sustainability is central to the club and reaching a landmark fifth anniversary is only the beginning. With the Serpentine Trail Race, the Neptune Relays, the Gerry Kearsley Handicaps and latterly the Temple Challenge at the Sedgefield Show, we host more competitive events than most clubs and showcase the attractions of Sedgefield to runners and their families.

Members of the Harriers wear their Sedgefield vest far & wide, placing Sedgefield proudly on the map from London to Edinburgh, North York Moors to the Lakes. Within the Juniors there is a prodigious pool of talent and strength in depth. There is already a North East Champion in Scott Kippin over 400m and for Jonathan Baines, Ben Hetherington and Abbie Hearmon, to (unfairly perhaps) name a few, more medals in cross-country and on the track cannot be far away. But the coaches believe there is talent at least of their equal not far behind. The day can't be far away when we see a Sedgefield vest in a major athletics event on TV. It would be intriguing to know who will be wearing it! But of equal strength for the club is the provision for 'ordinary' runners and the club is proud to have a range of sessions catering for anyone who wants to run for health, fitness and enjoyment. We aren't all champions but we do share the positive feeling that being involved in sport brings and the good feeling of belonging to a local sports club. Achieving this would have been much more difficult without the support of the local community; successive mayors who have supported the club, the Town Council, the Community College, the SCA, John & Maxine Robinson and above all, Sedgefield News who have given us the 'oxygen of publicity'. Thank you and here's to the next 5 years and beyond.
Ean Parsons, Chair, Sedgefield Harriers

Your Letters

Sedgefield Blues Club

On behalf of Sedgefield Round Table, thank you for the letters of praise, and our apologies. We had no alternative but to cancel Chrissie Mathews' visit on 27th August because of issues raised by the Council and the suitability of the Parish Hall as a live music venue, particularly the sound limiter, which we consider unsuitable for professional musicians in its current state. The Round Table is prepared to make a large contribution to the necessary improvements (the balance from county councillor John Robinson's community fund) as cancelling one show has cost us a large sum of charity revenue. The Town Council felt that there was need for further expertise. By the time of printing we will have met DCC's environmental protection officer to discuss our proposals for improvements and hope to have the issue resolved. It has been a very disappointing episode after a brilliant start. Incidentally this is not an issue with noise; there have been no complaints from residents, but it has implications for all users of the Hall for music events. We will report the outcome of discussions next month. The next scheduled night is 16th Oct with Chantelle McGregor - not to be missed.
Garry Jacobs & Eric Hemmings.

Flask in the Fridge

Recently I had to call an ambulance and before leaving for hospital the paramedics asked me to bring my husband's medication and up to date prescription form. I collected the tablets and got the form from the flask very quickly. The paramedics said it was very helpful and wished everyone would keep their forms safely in the flask so they could access it if necessary. They said that people don't realise that a patient can be unconscious or unable to speak. If they can get up to date information quickly it can make a big difference. I would urge people to make sure that their information is always correct and if anyone needs a flask they can be obtained free of charge from the Town Council Office or the Library.
Name and address supplied.

Dogs out of control

About 7pm on Thursday 5th August in the vicinity of Wykes Close, I witnessed 2 large Labradors and a black Scotch terrier attack a duck and her young. It really was horrendous; they even had chicks in their mouths. Next morning two young were missing. This must endorse the reason for dogs being kept under control, on the leash. As yet no-one has been attacked but it could have been a child knocked over in the dogs' eagerness to get to the ducks. Would the owners please note.
J Taylor

St Luke's Church

I am writing in response to a letter in an earlier edition of Sedgefield News, from a resident concerned about St Luke's Church. I thank him for his concern. I am also writing to give heartfelt thanks to all those good people of the Sedgefield area, and my friends and neighbours, who have supported, encouraged and inspired me in my pursuit of the completion of the health and fitness project at St Luke's Church, Winterton. I am also grateful to all those professional people who have consistently and unstintingly given help and advice whilst working on this project. It has been a long and arduous process of more than 7 years but the results will soon be there for all to see. I look forward to opening the doors in the not too distant future. Before that I will keep everyone informed through advertising in Sedgefield News. Meanwhile, should anyone wish to be updated on progress, feel free to email me at christine.moore27@yahoo.co.uk Kind regards
Christine Moore

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