

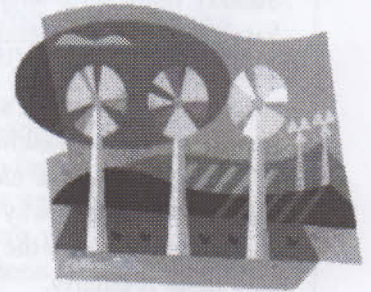
Sedgfield News



By the Villagers for the Villagers of Sedgfield, Bradbury & Mordon
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The Future's Green!



Out with the old —————> and in with the new

We use an awful lot of electricity and gas to keep our homes warm and run our gadgets, but it comes at a cost - and not just from our quarterly fuel bill. Producing these fuels pollutes the air and changes the global and local climate by the release of harmful gases like carbon dioxide. The effects of it are already being experienced today. Recent flooding in the UK and elsewhere is probably evidence of this. The number of extreme weather events around the world seems to be increasing. Even if we stopped all pollution now, the damage already done could affect us well into the next century. Unless we do something now, the Nile Delta and one third of Bangladesh could disappear under the sea, resulting in tens of thousands of environmental refugees. There'll be no skiing in the Alps and the polar bear could be extinct!

So what can we do about it?

One way is to use renewable forms of energy. Buy electricity from suppliers who are investing in wind power and bio fuels, (Green charities like the RSPB do this) - or select the 'green' option offered by your power company, putting pressure on them to try harder.

Local authorities now have a duty to help curb emissions, so Sedgfield Borough Council has just signed a deal to buy all the electricity for 5 of its largest buildings from sources certified as totally renewable. The price is competitive with traditional forms of electricity and it will save 2,500 tonnes or so of CO2 from being released into the atmosphere.

Another option is to use solar power. Several local community and public buildings have been earmarked for the installation of "photovoltaic cells" on their roofs, to generate electricity. These can supply at least half of

the average building's electricity demands, depending on roof-space and location. These attract financial support from the Dept. of Industry.

An experimental installation at Sedgfield Community College points up their wish to be involved. On a regional scale, if you want to see a fine example, look at the award-winning Barclays building in Sunderland, at Doxford Park.

Inspired to DIY?

There is plenty of advice available and the good news is that financial support is not just for big public projects. Householders can apply for a grant of up to 50% towards the capital and installation costs.

For details contact Solar Grants on 0800 2983978 or visit www.solargrants.org.uk, or contact your local Energy Officer on:-
01388 816166 ext. 4273

The polar bears will thank you!

Do your bit to curb further climate change - see next issue for ideas on how to save energy in the home

Another World Premier for Nowt

Local theatrical production company **North of Watford Theatre**, present the world premier of their one-act play, **"Dandelions"** on **Friday 7th March** at Bishop Auckland Town Hall theatre.

Written by NOWT Directors Paul Baguley and Jim Boylan, it tells the tale of businessman Jack Coles, who won't even let cancer disrupt his busy agenda. One afternoon he meets Sonya Jackson, whose captivating zest for life provides touching inspiration for some long-overdue changes. Featuring Sedgfield's own Joanna Clifford-Brown as Sonya, this is the latest production by the team that created "I'm Still Here", winner of five awards in the Sedgfield Drama Festival 2001.

Tickets are £5.00/£4.00 (Concessions) - available from Bishop Auckland Town Hall box office - **Tel:01388 602610**

Sedgefield Nightlife - Advice from a mystery 'Party animal'!

I decided to spend some time with friends tasting the nightlife around Sedgefield. We went first to the **Golden Lion**, which has excellent facilities and friendly bar staff. With Sky Sports on the big screen the ladies can get a better view of the footballers and the lads get a better view of what is going on and how unfair the ref actually is! There's a Sunday night quiz where the lovely Rita tests your general knowledge. The jackpot starts from £20, rising weekly until it's won. While pondering those tasking questions, try their special cask ales. If quizzes aren't your thing, why not practice on the pool table for the competitions held there regularly.

There's Karaoke, and special events on Sedgefield Race days so you can entertain the Bar Staff!

We then went on to the **Black Lion**, where the atmosphere was really 'happening' and there's a warm, friendly welcome from Wendy and Ed. I noticed they also have a Big

Screen TV showing live Saturday football.

If you've got the karaoke bug from the Golden and can't wait until the next race day, Nicola puts on a weekly session here on Wednesday and Sunday nights, - and they are a really good laugh. There are special bargains Monday to Friday on wine and other drinks, so it's a good place to start the weekend before you go to town or to Hardwick Hall. To get you in the mood, there is a Friday night DJ playing recent clubbers' tunes - so girls, get your dancing shoes on and get ready to party.

Another hotspot for karaoke nuts (Thursdays) is the **Hardwick Arms**. They feature live bands too, so if you're up for a really rocking night, try it out.

The **Dun Cow** is the place to be if you fancy fine wine dining with the girls or a romantic meal for two. The friendly staff make you very welcome, treating you with a touch of class! The food is delicious and

they also have guest ales - very popular. If I had to recommend anything it would be the steaks - mine was simply to die for! If you fancy a quiet drink after a hard day's work, this is a perfect place.

Next, to the **Crosshills**, where again there's football and a good atmosphere. The separate restaurant has a variety of good food cooked by the talented Darren.

Well, a good time was had by all, but a quick word of advice for the lads in the village - not all the talent is on the big screen, so look around for us next time.... **Party Girl**.



Meet Santa's helper Kevin Cook, who spent some of his time this Christmas collecting money around the village for The Tees Baby Unit.

Through his efforts a grand total of £1500 was raised for a very worthwhile cause.

Well done Kevin, from us all.

Lost a Playing Pitch?

The Borough Council's Playing Pitch Strategy Roadshow came to Ceddesfeld Hall on 15th January and the Borough's officers Tony Guest and Tim Watton explained, listened, debated and took notes. For Sedgefield, the draft strategy has great significance because of the loss of the Winterton playing fields and pavilion to the new development - the housing had been allowed to encroach upon the playing fields, though the NetPark was amended so that it did not.

The strategy sets out to show what effect this has had on local playing pitch capacity and suggests how the need can be best met. The Borough recognises that Sedgefield is short of one junior football pitch (junior football was played at Winterton) and that the cricket club lost capacity which needs replacing. Also there may be demand to reinstate the rugby club at the Community College and provide for a hockey pitch there. Those attending generally agreed that the main needs had been correctly identified but were less sure that the supply of football pitches is adequate. Having allowed the loss of these pitches, the authorities are obliged to make adequate reinstatement, if the need is justified. ***This is the last chance to have your say.*** Revised versions of the strategy can be seen on the Borough's web-site, www.sedgefield.gov.uk or earlier versions can be consulted at the Town Council office. There is still a little time to send comments to Sedgefield Borough Council or by e-mail to tguest@sedgefield.gov.uk. ***If you care, do something soon.***



Have you heard of 'ALPHA'?

Alpha, as it is now known nationally provides a simple way for adults to get to know the basic truths of Christianity. It has been very popular in sophisticated Central London for many years and more recently has grown in popularity in hundreds of places throughout the country.

SEDFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER, comprising members of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic Church, are jointly organising a new course which begins at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 6th February at 7pm.

It will then continue every Wednesday night until Easter. Each night there will be a different topic, highlighted by a video and discussion.

Imagine an Evening class where you start with a simple, free meal and where there is no hassle, pressure or exam at the end! Ask someone from one of the churches about it. If you're shy someone will come with you any night you want to go. If you don't know anyone, just telephone 620405 or 644456 and you will be put in touch with someone.

Sedgefield Churches Together

New Year, New Challenge

Are you looking for a challenge for the New Year? If so, then have you thought about volunteering?

Over 22 million people take part in voluntary activities nationwide, each year. Once seen as 'just for do-gooders', volunteering can provide just as many benefits to volunteers as it does for the communities or the organisations they help.

Volunteers can gain qualifications and learn new skills as well as gaining confidence and experience.

Sedgefield Borough Volunteer Bureau, which is part of an independent voluntary organisation - CAVOS, currently holds over 100 volunteering opportunities in your area. These include administration, arts & crafts, counselling, driving, practical work, fundraising, shop &

sales work, working with older people, young people, children - just about anything you can think of.

The Volunteer Bureau can offer opportunities to suit your current commitments. Many organisations provide payment of certain out-of-pocket expenses, such as travel or equipment. So if you've got time on your hands, or are looking to change career or gain employment, give it a go - you might be surprised by what you can do.

For information or advice, call **Sharon Vasey** on **655105**, or call at **Sedgefield Information and Advice Centre** from **10am - 12noon** on the **1st and 3rd Friday** of the month.

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Sedgefield Crime Watch Panel

Neighbourhood Watch - All for One and One for All



Sedgefield

As you know, the Town Council gave NHW a grant to enable the *DATA-LINK* project to get started. We now have all the ingredients - flasks, labels and forms are all ready to distribute.

Hopefully, by the time this copy of SN is delivered most of you will have your flask. If you put your name down for one, way back in September when we issued the application forms, and you have not received it, please contact your NHW co-ordinator or drop a note

into the Sedgefield News office with details of your name, address and importantly, your phone number. We will ensure you receive one. If you have difficulty, please come to our next meeting on **Tues. 11th February at 7pm** in the Fletcher Room, and you will be issued with one.

The *Talking Book* is going well - all our customers enjoy and enthuse over it! We have applied for a grant to enable NHW to purchase equipment for recording the tapes, then we won't have to rely on

borrowing. We're grateful to our chairman, Ken Saiger for the use of his gear and also for the effort he has put in, to produce the tape. Thank you, Ken!

Please note, you don't have to live in Sedgefield to attend our meetings. This applies to all recipients of Sedgefield News - in Mordon, Bradbury, Thorpe Larches, Wynyard Station or surrounding farms - *you're all welcome.*

Do come along!

P.C. Todd's Column.

Now that the New Year is here we must remind ourselves that crime never goes away - the criminal is lacking in morals and fully intends to take your property, thereby spoiling your New Year!

Already a local company has been targeted. On Sunday 5th January, thieves smashed their way into the building and stole property valued at £1000. Another despicable crime occurred recently when two men who claimed to represent the Council, offered to measure windows prior to them being replaced. However they helped

themselves to the elderly householder's purse containing their money.

Please don't let anyone in to your house who you do not personally know - better safe than sorry. Thieves are good actors - they can play the part of the friendly, helpful and certainly honest looking person you might wish to meet. But it's all a facade - a ruse to get you off your guard. So be VIGILANT and stay safe!

Even your local bobby should be asked for his identity card before you let him in - even if you

know me you'll be demonstrating your alertness!

If in any doubt ring the police on **01740 620272.**

Finally, I would like to warn motorists about some parking rules. It is **illegal** to park a motor vehicle, even if you are just going to a cash machine, outside any property **and leave the engine running when there is no licensed driver in attendance.** This is a very dangerous practice and is against the law, so be warned!

Until next time, take care.

Keith

Sedgefield Road Safety Group

Road Safety **Speed Kills - Kill Your Speed!**



In October the Darlington branch of the Institute of Advanced Motorists sent a driving assessment team to visit Sedgefield.

10 volunteers were put through their paces.

As you can see from the happy, smiling faces in the photo, everyone drove at or above the required standard. **Well done everyone!** Thanks to the IAM volunteers for giving up their time.

We would like to remind all drivers that during winter periods they **should suit their driving to the conditions**. Too many of us assume that the roads will have been gritted and do not reduce our speed - this is disaster waiting to happen. Some drivers don't even bother to clear their screens before driving off. Worst of all, after snow, most do not clear the snow from the roof and when it starts to melt it can be a hazard, sliding down over your windscreen, or worse still blowing off onto someone else's, and blinding them. So please think before you drive. **Happy motoring!**

David Garrood - a musician who will be missed

This is not so much an obituary as a personal tribute to a musician I admired and respected. I joined the Lyric Singers soon after coming to Sedgefield and was at first a bit scared of the apparently fierce character who conducted the choir. He was very particular! Even amateurs should always be doing their best, at the very least respecting the style of the composer. I knew very little of such things then so it could be daunting, but the pleasure of learning to sing madrigals and choral singing in general soon took over.

I heard David play professionally once, accompanying the soprano

Carole Andrew, and was entranced by his playing. I had begun to realise what I'd given up as a wayward teenager, when I'd stopped singing and studying piano.

Later on as I returned to musical education I came across David at Stockton & Billingham College. He was always supportive even though he taught only a small part of my course. When he heard I wanted to start a youth choir, he willingly gave up lunchtimes to teach me to conduct.

Since then I've had many occasions to be grateful for his advice and enormous stock of knowledge. When I needed a serious work for an Easter

programme, sing-able by young voices, David came up with an obscure little Mass by Fauré, which proved to be a perfect gem. There were plans afoot to sing it again soon and David was to play the organ.

Many people will remember David - at home, in his churches, at the Cricket Club, playing golf and enjoying a pint!

But I'll remember him at the piano. When he was inspired, his playing could be brilliant, passionate, subtle and delicate in turn. It seemed to me that he was deeply contented then.

Sandy Clubley

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Lifelong Learning News

I can hardly believe that it's February already. It seems like only yesterday I was forcing the last bit of turkey down! It means those New Year resolutions, of doing something different, learning something new, are also a month old. How are you doing??.....It's still not too late. A range of courses is starting and if we get the demand, there could be more. This month the **First Aid** courses restart on Tuesday nights. The last course was very popular and I still have a list of people wishing to attend. Due to restrictions on the tutor's availability, at present we can only offer an evening course, limited to 12, but we will offer the same course again for both evening and daytime at the end of the month, so if you haven't heard from me, don't worry.

We are running some **Holistic Therapy** taster courses one evening this month. This will enable those attending to get to know about alternative treatments and gain an understanding of the benefits. Contact me for details.

There is some interest in a **Sign Language** course but we need 4 or 5

more to get the numbers up so we can hold one in Sedgefield. Do get in touch.

The Learning Exhibition and Fayre proved to be a success and I'd like to thank everyone for participating. Publicity for courses has always been a problem in our community - it seems only a few people ever hear about courses which are arranged. We need an information point to get over this problem. I am currently looking at the feasibility of this and would like to hear from you if you are thinking of arranging a course. Please let me have the information so I can pass it on to interested parties; and remember I'm here to help you, so do ask - don't just struggle with any problems you meet.

That's it for this month. I wish you all well and remember - learning can - and should be FUN!

Bob Harris

Lifelong Learning Coordinator

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Comments from the recent First Aid Course:

*'A very Enjoyable and
informative course'*

*'This course was well presented and
covered all of the basic first aid
elements I wanted to learn'*

*'I have enjoyed this course and would
like to see it taught in schools'*



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What's on in February

This page is open to anyone wishing to announce future events

Sedgefield Local History Society

2003 programme starts on
Monday 3rd February
at 7.45pm
in Ceddesfeld Hall

Bill Griffiths
will speak on
Segedunum Roman Fort

This is also the
Annual Meeting

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Quiz Night

this month is on
Saturday 8th February
at 8pm
All are welcome

Sedgefield Family History Group

meets this month on
17th February
in Sedgefield Library
from 7 - 9pm
**Members' Queries
and Problems**

a chance to bring along
your own family history research;
perhaps we can help you solve
problems you've encountered
with those elusive ancestors!

**NB change of venue and time
for this month only**

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch

Next meeting
Tuesday 11th February
@ 7pm
in the Fletcher Room
Parish Hall
Everyone welcome!

Sedgefield Town Council Mayor's Charity Dinner

will be held at
Hardwick Hall Hotel
on Friday 7th March
Tickets - £25
including a 4 course meal
& dancing to
the John Wrightson Band
- from the Council Office
or ring **01740 621273**

Funds raised will all go towards
young peoples' groups
in Sedgefield

Parish Hall Coffee Mornings

every Thursday
in the Hall
10am till Noon
Coffee & Tea with
Scones or Biscuits
**Support the
Parish Hall fund**

Please Note

The Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon Community Appraisal Report

is now available for inspection
in **Sedgefield Library**,
the
**Advice and information
Centre**
and
Harbinson House.

The Area 3 Forum

next meets on
Wed 26th February
at 7pm
in
**Trimdon Colliery
Community Centre**

These meetings enable members
of the public to bring issues of
concern to the attention of
Sedgefield Borough Council
Area 3 includes Sedgefield,
Bradbury & Mordon

Letters to the Editor

Not Just 'That Address' 'Stop the Speeding' Plea

I was delighted to read the letters from Ian Hunter & David Hillerby about the saga of County Durham and the Post Office. Insofar as the Post Office is concerned, I think they do a wonderful job and doubt whether a private company would be prepared to do the same job for the same rewards.

However I agree completely about the Co Durham issue and have written to the Post office about it - You guessed it - with no response. I live in Durham Road and have received letters & parcels addressed to Stockton, Thorpe Whatever, etc. - and not with my post-code. I thought Cleveland no longer existed, and in any case Sedgefield was never ever in Cleveland to start with so why did the Post Office think it was?

My next point relates to Sedgefield Borough. Who decided it was not a District Council? Our companies and politicians - local and national - really need to face reality and discard their grandiose ideas. Get back to the grassroots and think about what people really want.

Jack Forbes.

Questioning the cost of the Green future

Do You Believe in Fairies? Or little green men? Well, Sedgefield Borough Council obviously believes in GREEN electricity! So much so, that they have signed a contract with London Electricity, to supply their needs for two contractual years. The contract will cost an extra £8,408 per annum.

At an Area Three Forum held at Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall, Neil Barnes, the Borough Council's Energy Officer, gave a run down on how this will help the environment. The additional cost will enable the supplier to meet targets for the purchase & supply of green electricity, which have been set as far ahead as the year 2010. Purchasing their supplies from wind farms and Hydro Electricity schemes where possible, and issuing a certificate to guarantee that this is so, will help towards the building of new, environmentally friendly generators - or so the theory goes! Perhaps we should reserve judgement and wait to see what does happen!

David Hillerby

Clarification from Sedgefield Borough Council:

SBC invited tenders & chose a supplier at a cost saving on the previous rate and within the budget allocated. A cheaper deal was available but would have been without the environmental benefits. The Borough's Auditors have agreed the deal and regard the environmental benefits as an investment.

I recently moved into Sedgefield - Station Road, to be exact. Being one of the main routes out of the village it is a very busy road; a 30mph road actually.

Unfortunately I don't think people know this. Police vehicles, cars and buses all travel at excess speeds, making it difficult to pull into or reverse out of our drives, not to mention the dangers of driving at such high speeds, or the law you are breaking. Maybe speed display screens would help drivers to realise how fast they are travelling.

A concerned resident.

From a helpful reader

Hello,
We live on Winterton Park, and we have received a couple of issues of Sedgefield News which we thoroughly enjoy reading. The problem is that we haven't received an issue since November and it was too late for some of the advertised events. Do you require someone to distribute on Winterton Park?
Kind regards,

Graeme Addison (and family)

From the Editor.....

Please keep up the flow of news. Articles and information on forthcoming events before February 15th to:-
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or The Editor,
Sedgefield News,
Advice & Information Centre.
Front Street Sedgefield,
TS21 3AS

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Telephone: 01740 629011

*Grateful thanks for
Graeme Addison's offer
-yes, please!*

*If other readers could make
similar offers it would help our
small & rather overstretched
band of 'posties'.*

*Thorpe Larches is still a problem
but even here in Sedgefield we
could do with a little extra help.*

The Winner of our Prize Christmas Crossword is

J.O. Nichols, of 24 The Meadows.

Congratulations, & thanks to all others
who entered.

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