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Sedgefield NEWS

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Hardwick Mystery



The Friends of Hardwick have recently discovered a photo of the Hardwick Estate workers from 1890. If anyone in Sedgefield has looked into their family history recently and found that their ancestors worked for the Hardwick Park estate we would be very grateful if you could let Tom Stubbs (Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Hardwick) know as he is trying to build up a history of the people who used to work on the Hardwick Estate. Better still if you recognise anyone in the picture from your own family tree he would be delighted to hear from you.

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Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre - 41st year

*will take place on 21st May 2010 10am - 3.30 pm
on The Village Green and at Ceddesfeld Hall*

Please support the Fayre by donating Groceries, Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac etc.

Door to door collections start on Sunday 15th May

SUNDAY	<i>Kerr Crescent etc, Pine Ridge etc, Mitford Court etc, Hardwick Road etc,</i>
MONDAY	<i>North End/Durham Road etc, The Lane, White House Drive etc, Hawthorn Road etc,</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Station Road etc, Spring Lane etc, Queen's Drive etc, West End</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>The Meadows etc, The Orchard etc, Rectory Row/Centre, Cross St etc</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Eden Drive etc, East End etc, St Edmunds Green, Stockton Rd etc</i>
WINTERTON	<i>Residents should deposit items at 17 Winterton Avenue on Mon-Wed 6-8 pm. They will be collected on Thursday evening</i>

PLEASE: No Clothes, Shoes, Bikes, Medium/Large Pieces of Furniture, Hi-Fi or TVs

Snapshots of Sedgefield

My thanks to Bessie Winkley (nee Icteton), Barbara Ripley (nee Barrett), Dilys Cant (nee Roper) and Mr L. Butler, who all provided information about the April snapshot, of the YMCA, opened during World War II in the old C of E school. Situated where Turner's showroom now stands, the building later became a church hall, used for various village activities. Sedgefield housed two Army camps, one at the racecourse, the other on Durham Road, later a police camp, now a housing estate. The YMCA was managed by local ladies, all volunteers, on a rota basis. Barbara and Dilys helped out as teenagers, alongside their mothers, serving tea and refreshments, mostly beans on toast or, for a bit of variety, beans and chips. Sweets could also be bought, but were, of course, rationed. The soldiers would often go to the Savoy Cinema first, situated where the chemist is now, and the sharp-eyed Mr Butler spotted a cinema poster to the left of the door. He came to the army camp in 1941 and remembers entering the YMCA by a wooden staircase on the side of the building. He also spotted the post box on the right, newspapers and photographs of Red Cross nurses on the shelves. The ladies are wearing the green uniform of the Women's Voluntary Service (WVS), later given the accolade Royal for their sterling service. On the right, Mrs Amelia Hayes, who ran the Black Lion, was in charge. Next to her, 3rd from the left, is Cynthia Tinkler. Another volunteer, Florence Booth, mother of Cissie,



12-R Mothering Sunday procession. The choir processed from the old Rectory down Rectory Row, along Cross Street and turned left into the High Street and thence across the green to the church. Note the all male choir and the posies carried by the children.

worked Sunday nights with Ethel Icteton, mother of Bessie. The YMCA, open every evening and during the daytime, proved very popular, many of the older men helping out with the washing up. Mrs Cant recalls that many of the soldiers were in transit, so their stay in Sedgefield was short. They were from Scots and English regiments. Wounded soldiers, some from Dunkirk, were cared for at the Emergency Military Hospital near Fishburn. Created from Nissen huts, the hospital, intended as a temporary measure, only closed in recent years and was subsequently demolished. Another helpful reader has identified members of the GFS (Girls' Friendly Society) in the March snapshot of amateur dramatics. From left to right, seated is Gladys Threlfall, the witch in the black cap is unknown, but the princess in the conical hat could be Joan Hill. The herdsman with the feather in her cap is Mary Ferguson, the king (seated) Audrey Johnson and the page at her feet Margery Wolfe. The play, 'The Princess and the Swineherd', was produced by GFS leader Mrs Lodge, but no date was given. The caption to this month's photograph gives some information, but does anyone recognise any of these angelic faces? Sedgefield Local History Society is very grateful for the wonderful feedback received for our snapshots. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. New members are very welcome. If you can help out, please contact me on 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk.

Gift for Remembrance to Sedgefield Veterans



Betty Amlin has donated a Flag Pole, in memory of her husband Jimmy, to Sedgefield Veterans. He came from Canada, serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, took part in the D Day landing 2nd TAF, taking part in the battle for Caen, Falaise Gap and Bayeux. He was hurt in Belgium and was in hospital for six months before returning to England to serve in Bomber Command 6 Group R.C.A.F. stationed at Middleton St George. After the war Betty and Jimmy returned from Canada and lived in Sedgefield. Sadly Jimmy recently passed away, and Betty thought this would serve as a fitting tribute to his memory.

Christian Aid Week 9th to 15th May

The arrangements for this year's Christian Aid Week annual house to house collection should be well underway by the time you are reading this edition of Sedgefield News. Once again our dedicated collectors are giving freely of their time to call upon you and, once again, we ask you to give as generously as you can. Christian Aid seeks to support some of the world's poorest people. Most of us have more than we need. Last year we collected just over £3,600 from Sedgefield, Bradbury and Mordon. The national total was almost £13million. It is worth noting that if you are a UK tax payer, the amount you give can be increased (at no extra cost to you) by simply completing the details on the envelope. Christian Aid can then reclaim the income tax you have already paid. Thank you all for your continued support.
David & Margaret Glass

College Trampoline Team success

The Next Step Trampolining Competition was held at Stanley's Louisa Centre on Monday 21st March. Schools across County Durham were invited to attend the competition and the day was well attended.

Sedgefield Community College entered two teams- one consisted of students who had never been in a Trampoline competition before and the other was made up of students who had some experience of Trampolining in a club. The students came first in both team categories, winning in the KS3 County Durham Open Competition and the KS3 County Durham 'Next Step 2' category.

They did extremely well, given the pressure of performing in front of a large crowd and the fact that for some, it was their first real experience of a trampoline competition. The college is extremely proud of the student's hard work and attitude and hope that the experience will inspire them to consider taking up Trampolining outside of school.

Back row L-R are Jasmine Mothersdale, Ashleigh Younger, Rachael Adair, Kharis Goodall, Jodie Elders. Front row, Megan Collins, Rebecca Hocke, Dominique



Sedgefield Methodist Church
presents

"The New Yorkers"

Saturday 25th June

Tickets £5, including refreshments

**Mordon & Bradbury Village
Hall Association Present**
MORDONFEST 2011

This year's family music festival will be held on **Saturday 18th June** from **1pm-10pm** inclusive. Full details and a limited number of tickets will be on sale in **Sedgefield Post Office** from **1st June**

Inner Wheel of Sedgefield
CHARITY BREAKFAST

Sunday 15th May, 10am-1pm

At Ann & Mel Carr's

3 The Square, on the village Green
Proceeds to

Newcastle Cancer Research Centre

£6.50 Tel: 629070

All welcome, ticket only

Sedgefield in Bloom

-would like to thank all those volunteers, householders and businesses who have made sure that Sedgefield really sparkled in the spring sunshine when the Northumbria in Bloom judges visited in April (more information to follow in the June edition of Sedgefield News).

Hardwick School goes Funny for Money!

Staff and children at Hardwick Primary School raised £333 for Comic Relief (see below).

On 18th March, everyone dressed up and donated money, which will be matched pound for pound by Barclays. Children bought red noses, on sale in school before the event and also bought cakes which had been baked by Y6 children. The Friends of Hardwick School also brought cakes to ensure that everyone could enjoy the fun whilst looking funny!



Community SAFETY



Secretary Report: Details of correspondence issued and received were provided, of special interest was the notification just received, that Mayor Alan Blakemore has most generously awarded the group £100 from his local funds to assist with the cost of room hire during the year.

Durham Community Warden: Tim Spearey reported on dog fouling that there had been **one** fixed penalty ticket issued to an offender (10th March) in Sedgefield in the last two months. Tim was asked how much of his time had been spent in our village in the last two months. He stated he had spent 3 days in total. C/man Ken Saiger remarked how inadequate this was, that it was less than what had been previously agreed (80% of his time) and was certainly less than that which is needed. He recorded his on-going criticism of Durham County for not honouring their "no detriment" pledge since becoming a Unitary Authority.

Community Liaison Officer: Neil Langthorne gave details of National N/H/Watch re-launch, Regional Associations (6 in Durham), targets for recruitment and of National N/H/Watch Week (18-26th June 2011).

Neil reported he has obtained a set of metal stamps for "post code" stamping into lead / metal sheets around the home / premises. He had taken Roy's excellent idea from our last meeting, tested it and is now actively encouraging its adoption by members as well as other N/H/Watch groups. *Metal thefts continue* although in our village following recent arrests they are currently less problematic than elsewhere in the County.

Neil urged members to keep reporting scrap men / suspicious vehicles as it has been immensely valuable to the Police and our community recently.

Neil provided some very pleasing statistics for Sedgefield Village:

For the period 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011 reduction in crime:

All Crime: 234 down to 183, 22%. House Burglary: 5 down to 3, 40%. Theft from M/Vehicle: 39 down to 27, 31%. Theft of vehicle: 12 down to 9, 25%. Criminal Damage: 48 down to 23, 52%. Shoplifting: 6 down to 9, 50%.

Calls to the Police: Although these **Increased by** 2% this confirms we are being *more* proactive.

Anti-Social Behaviour: 291 down to 223, 23%. Alcohol Related incidents: 127 down to 73, 43%.

Neil remarked that these reductions were actually unprecedented especially when operating under such adverse manning constraints; he praised the Police as well as groups like ours and the *responsible public*.

Finally Neil made a request for all households to "protect their sheds", as at this time of year it is the major area of increase in crime across our district and he gave ideas to assist.

Policing Cuts: C/man Ken Saiger expressed his concern that despite reassurances (e.g. Unitary Authority no detriment promise) he is not assured that the Police presence and capability in our community as well as in all others will not be reduced and damaged as a result of the present government cuts. He recommended that we write to our M.P. to ask him to strive as far as possible to ensure any government plans are not allowed to reduce Police numbers on the beats and in their present localities and they ensure that "back room staff" are not reduced to an extent where the front line service capability and performance is jeopardised. Members fully supported the motion.

Metal Thefts: A member asked if the theft of copper from the Methodist Church had been detected or the dealer identified. PC Todd responded that unfortunately they had not. Another member publicly thanked Keith for his response when calling in details of a scrap man in his street.

Police Service provided in Sedgefield:

(1) C/man Ken Saiger thanked Keith, Gavin & Brian for their exceptional work in catching the thieves responsible for most of the lead thefts in the village. He said the effort they each had put in to this particular set of crimes was worthy of the highest praise and requested the Secretary to write to their senior officer recording our members' appreciation.

(2) Recently a member of the public had reported a suspicious series of activities outside his premises to Ken seeking his advice. Ken asked him to contact the Police in person asking to speak to Keith if possible & assured him the Police would be helpful as well as appreciative. The resident did so (Keith was off duty but other officers attended) and he was quite surprised to find the Police actually were extremely helpful and grateful for the information provided. As a result of this experience the person has now joined our N/H/Watch and will obviously remain another set of eyes and ears to help protect our village.

next meeting 14/06/2011

PC Todd reports

A crime that would appear to be on the increase is the theft of number plates from vehicles. The purpose of this type of crime is to prepare another vehicle to commit a further crime. The theft of petrol/diesel from garages is also on the increase. A resident of Winterton cottages became a victim recently as did the garage on North end when someone took the number plates from a vehicle and placed them on a van. They then calmly went to the garage and filled the vehicle with fuel before driving away without paying.

Another resident in Rectory Row has also had both front and rear number plates stolen. A youth aged about 18 years was seen to run off with them.

A point to note is that all the number plates that have been stolen were stuck on with tape which makes it quick and easy to pull the plate from the vehicle. I would recommend that screws should be used to secure the plate to the vehicle and prevent you becoming a victim.

It would appear that some scrap collectors have resorted to driving around estates late at night maybe to avoid the attentions of the police during the day. .. We are interested in challenging these people to ensure they have the correct paperwork to carry out their activities, some, but not all have the authority to collect and transport scrap. If you see a vehicle in the evening report it. We have also seen an increase in speeding along Durham road, if this is you be warned! We might be watching!

Keith

P.A.C.T

A meeting took place directly after the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. It was decided to continue with last month's priority which was to target irresponsible drivers who park outside of Hardwick school whilst dropping off or picking up children. You have been warned.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Dun Cow. No incidents were reported that required further action from members. Members were informed by the local licensing authority that a one off agreement has been reached regarding the opening times for the forthcoming Royal wedding. To help celebrate this

Pub Watch (cont)

occasion licensed premises have been allowed to extend their opening times by two hours on both Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April. I hope as many residents as possible take advantage of this time and indulge in a drink or two in one of our many friendly watering holes.

Phone numbers:

Local Police 0345 60 60 365

Tim Spearey: 623654 or via Chilton Control Room: 01388 721351
Police Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lownds, 01325 742714
Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

Family History off to Kew

Sedgefield Family History Group is planning a trip to the National Archives at Kew, anyone interested in joining us on the short break (you don't need to be a member) is welcome to do so. We depart Monday 5th September (pick-up points are Sedgefield, Darlington and Scotch Corner), returning home on Wednesday 7th September

You can choose to have just bed and breakfast, or include a trip to the theatre. If you are not a family tree buff, you are welcome to just use the trip as a way to have a short stay in London.

For more details please contact S Hall 01740 620367

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Corporate & Business Mail

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Blood donors

Monday 2 May
10:00 to 12:00 & 13:30 to 16:00
Ceddesfeld Hall
Rectory Row
Sedgefield

Please call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment for this session.

Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum 4th April meeting

Updating on matters from the March meeting in regard to allocation of land for future house building in the village it was agreed to write to the Together Partnership and request that they carry out consultation with the community to enable a review and refresh of the Town Plan which they had compiled in 2010. This is felt necessary in light of the new Localism Bill and the need for communities to have clear statements of preferred views; there are areas in our current Town Plan which could leave the village vulnerable to development on greenbelt. Comment was made on the provision of the DERIC Youth bus in the village early on a Saturday evening it was confirmed that the bus was not proving very popular with young people.

The Section 106 monies relating to Cunningham Court development 'owed' to the village by Durham County Council (DCC) is currently being investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman, we will keep everyone informed as we receive updates. It is looking likely that the planning meeting for the application for the wind turbines in Spring/Foxton Lane may be on June 21st the Forum have written to the planning department requesting confirmation of the date at the earliest possible time so that we can inform everyone. It is also anticipated that a possible application for 30 to 40 turbines on land at Bradbury and the Carrs will be considered directly by Government since it is such a large development. It seems Sedgefield and surrounding villages will be in the centre of a huge swathe of turbines, unless our community speaks up we will have no influence on our future landscape. As usual discussions were wide ranging covering, health provision affecting our community, footpaths, CCTV coverage in the village, 'fly tipping', cost of dog poo bags etc. It was agreed not to hold a meeting in May since it would fall on a Bank Holiday but should there be more news on the wind turbine application a special meeting would be called.

So the next scheduled meeting of the Forum will be on June 6th at 7.00pm in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along raise issues and take part in hearing what is happening in our community.

Celebrate and help the British Legion

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is 90 years young this year. It was established in 1921 to assist and aid ex service men to re-adjust to civilian life after the trenches of the First World War, and has gone on to carry out that task for other wars ever since. The Legion has suggested that to help raise much needed funds, Birthday Parties should be held throughout the land. Sedgefield Town Council were contacted by RBL and they have passed it to the Veterans to ask the people of Sedgefield if they will participate. I am therefore asking if anyone, either individuals or groups would like to hold parties. The theme is your choice; the dates are 10th, 11th & 12th June 2011, but you only need to do your bit on one of those dates.

For example; the Community College is holding a party at College on the afternoon of June 10th. What the format is, we don't know yet, but so long as it raises funds... well, if you want any more information give me a ring on 01740 621343 and I will offer what help and information I can.

David Hillerby, Vice Chair, Sedgefield Village Veterans.

Sedgefield Village Veterans will be sharing a stall at the Medieval Fayre with 201(N) Field Ambulance. Both units will be recruiting for new members.

Cricket Club the venue for 2 Sedgefield rock bands

Bank Holiday weekend - 7.30pm Saturday 28th May



The gig, featuring **The Graveyard Incident** (formerly England Screaming) and **101** is the brainchild of Tim Lowe (101) and David Pratt, aka "Ratty" (England Screaming). They often appear together at the regular Black Lion gigs, Ratty doing occasional guest vocals, so they decided Sedgefield should be treated to a



Saturday night of music from their respective bands. The Graveyard Incident is a new venture for David and will be very different from the punk sound of England Screaming - all will be revealed on the night! 101 will do the usual mix of Kings Of Leon, Killers & Led Zeppelin, with Ratty guesting on The Jam & The Clash classics at some point.

Tickets are only £2 available in advance from Matthew Jones' shop, or entry on the door. Come early as a full house is expected!

We're only just about to enter into May, but some of the recent weather has been very summery. So, it's about time that Sedgefield Cricket Club's new season got underway. That's just what will have happened by the time you read this. My correspondent from inside the club offers a bullish assessment of what the season holds in store for Sedgefield: "The club has new covers, a clubhouse extension, new changing rooms, a new bar and the ground has never looked better. The first team this year is as strong, if not stronger than the side that won the county league in 1993. The second team is the strongest in the club's history and the third team has already started its league campaign with a 170 run victory at home to Yarm. New sponsors have meant new shirts and tracksuits for the players, as well as handpull being added to the variety of beverages available at the bar." Thanks to Mal Dickenson for that. I'm going to receive regular reports from Mal during the season and I hope that his optimism proves to be justified. You can keep an eye on the progress of Sedgefield Cricket Club at www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub.

Squash

The last 2 months have seen the staging of the annual club competitions which culminated in the finals night and an "Oscar" styled presentation evening at Ceddesfeld Hall. Star of the night was Robert Pearce with an impressive five trophies across junior and adult categories. His performance was only eclipsed by his team's victory in the presentation night quiz!

The roll of honour reads as follows:

Under 11s: Winner - Aleysha Oakes; runner-up - Rory Fletcher. Under 13s: Winner - George Peden; runner-up - Josh Hetherington. Under 13s Plate: Winner - Gemma Hill; runner-up - Mitchell Emery. Under 15s: Winner - Robert Pearce; runner-up - George Peden. Under 15s Plate: Winner - Jack Tomlinson; runner-up - Daniel Toas. Junior Closed: Winner - Robert Pearce; runner-up - Ian Wood. Junior Plates: Winners- Jack Tomlinson, George Peden; runners-up - Rory Varley, Ben Hetherington. Junior Handicap: Winner - Robert Pearce; runner-up - Gemma Hill. Club Handicap: Winner - Stephen Rowsby; runner-up - Kevin Amer. Seniors Closed: Winner - Mark Simpson; runner-up - John Cant. Ladies Closed: Winner - Linda Cummings; runner-up - Sharon O'Donnell. Ladies Plate: Winner - Lesley Dexter; runner-up - Sharon O'Donnell. Club Closed: Winner - Jonathan Slee; runner-up - Paul Kitson. Club Plate: Winner - Robert Pearce; runner-up - Gary Hetherington. John Rowntree Trophy: Marie Priest. Ladies' Team Player of the Year: Sue Smith. Men's Team Player of the Year: Robert Pearce. Additionally, the achievements of the

ladies' team and men's second team (both winning promotion in the Durham and County leagues) and individual achievements by Anne Holmes and Jonathan Slee, were recognised by the club.

On a lighter note, "DAFTA" awards were presented to Sharon "Superwoman" Brown (a pair of 'Y' fronts), Malcolm "Worst Performance" Bell (baggy pants), Mark "Dark Side" Simpson (Darth Vader mask), and Chris "Eyesight" Bunting (prescription strength glasses) for reasons too lengthy to go into here. I'm told that you should not hesitate to ask the individuals concerned for explanations!

Sedgefield Harriers

London Marathon

It was ladies' day at the London Marathon for Sedgefield Harriers as four women from the club made it through the training to the start line, three of them competing in the big event for the first time. Gail Bell, veteran of marathons in Edinburgh and Windemere among others, ran excellently to finish in 3hrs 25mins. Helen Parsons, now living in the capital and taking on the course for the second year running, showed a big improvement of over five minutes from last year to finish in 3hrs 52mins. Jo James, making the step into the unknown on her marathon debut ran an excellent 4hrs 07mins and Diane Baines, veteran of the Loch Ness and Edinburgh marathons, ran the course in 4hrs 35mins. Anthony Long was the sole male representative this year, completing the course in 3hrs 56mins. These were excellent performances all round.

Shildon Anne-Marie Redshaw Track and Field Meeting

Sedgefield Harriers took a large team of junior athletes to Shildon on 18th April to compete in the annual Anne-Marie Redshaw meeting. There were many promising performances including some medal winners: 60m U11 Boys - Liam Welsh 10.1, Ryan Fleetham 10.6, Harry Harnett 10.8, David Budd 11.1; U11 Girls - Aimee Barlow 10.7, Kate Carmichael 10.9, Amy Carr 11.8; 100m U13 Boys - Joseph Dredge 16.0; U15 Boys - George Pilkington 13.7; 150m U11 Boys - Liam Welsh 24.0 (3rd), Ryan Fleetham 25.8, Harry Harnett 26.9; U11 Girls - Kate Carmichael 26.8; 200m U15 Boys - George Pilkington 28.4; 400m U15 Boys - Oliver Larcombe 72.8; U17 Boys - Scott Kippen 52.1 (1st); 600m U11 Boys - Ryan Fleetham 2:07.9, David Budd 2:33.9, Tom Hearmon 2:43.3; U11 Girls - Aimee Barlow 2:23.6; 800m U13 Boys - Kieron Ferry 3:22.2; U17 Boys - Scott Kippen 2.05 (3rd) Sam Hearmon 2:35.6; U13 Girls - Rebecca Mott 2:46.4, Hannah Featherstone 2:46.4; U17 Girls - Abie Hearmon 2:39.7 (3rd) 3000m U15 Boys - Rory Varley 13:13.4; Shot U15 Boys - Oliver Larcombe 6.89m; U15 Girls - Megan Devine 6.01m; Cricket Ball U11 Girls - Lucy Robertshaw 19.95m (3rd), Kate Carmichael 17.95m; Long Jump U11 Boys - Harry Harnett 2.59m, David

Budd 2.22m, Tom Hearmon 2.14m; U15 Boys - George Pilkington 3.80m, Oliver Larcombe 3.39m; U11 Girls - Aimee Barlow 3.01m, Zoe Carr 2.55m, Lucy Robertshaw 2.27m, Amy Carr 2.23m; High Jump U15 Boys - Oliver Larcombe 6.89m.

Women's beginners running group

With the support of partners Durham County Council, Run In England and the County Durham Athletics Network Sedgefield Harriers have provided a coach-supported beginners running group for the past 12 months and over 20 women, mainly new to running, have taken advantage of the sessions to get started with the support and encouragement of running in a group. Some of the women have been running with the group for nearly a year and others have just started.

Ean Parsons, who has supported the group as coach, said: "It has been a really good initiative and very satisfying to be a part of. It has been great to see ladies who thought they couldn't run at all come along and within a few weeks be able to jog comfortably and then go on to run around three miles. As new starters have come along they have been welcomed into the group and encouraged."

The group, which meets at 5.15pm each Wednesday has used the fantastic scenery and trails available in Sedgefield, in Hardwick Park and behind Ceddesfeld Hall. Anyone is welcome to go along - even men - and the sessions are free. For more details call Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or e-mail ean.p@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk.

Cycling

Finally this month, news of a cycling event taking place on the streets of Durham towards the end of May. The Halfords Tour Series starts this year in Durham on the evening of Tuesday 24th May. This tour series is an event staged in eight city centres in the UK, where professional cycling teams take on a 1.5 km city centre circuit. The racing will last for approximately 60-75 minutes, so spectators will see plenty of the riders in action and what is so special about the Durham event is that it features a 'cobbled' climb. The riders will race down Crossgate (towards the Fighting Cocks pub) before a 90 degree bend which takes them onto the cobbled climb on South Street, which is a great place to watch. It is likely that the racing will start around 7pm, although the riders will be warming up on the circuit at least one hour before the start. It sounds like it should make for an entertaining evening. For more information, keep an eye on www.tourseries.co.uk over the next few weeks.

That's all for this month. Next issue, I'll have an end of season round up from the Sunday league football teams and a coast to coast cycling tale involving great fish and chips! As ever, if you have any sports news please send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Sedgefield Community College Projects

Sedgefield Community Sports College has created two new projects that it hopes will further enhance the positive involvement of its students within the local community. These projects are curriculum based and help students attain not only a qualification, but also develop business, communication and life skills. Each Friday morning between 10:00am and 12 noon the college opens its Community Café to provide a tasty range of savoury and sweet treats along with a range of fresh beverages. The food and drinks are all prepared and baked by the students themselves and available at very attractive prices. In addition, the student's newest venture is Pets at SCC, a small pet supplies shop, offering a wide range of pet foods and accessories. Staff are able to purchase items on a daily basis, with the local community able to purchase items each Friday morning. The profits raised by the students from both projects, help raise funds for St John's Seminary Secondary School in Africa. This is a school in The Kilimatinde Region that the College is currently sponsoring and supporting in their efforts to build a new classroom. The students and staff of the College Café and Pet shop, would like to take this opportunity to invite any local residents and their families each Friday morning to sample their wares as well as a warm and friendly welcome at the College.



Year 9 students Gemma Wheatley and Amy Lamb.



Jonathan Slee, receiving his trophy from club chairman Mick Carr

Sedgefield Organist wins Ryton Honour

Jonathan Clegg, a young organist from Sedgefield won the Keith Downie trophy at the recent Ryton Music Festival for his performance of organ music by the French composer Caesar Frank.

Michael Stoddard, the Adjudicator for the event and Director of Music at St Nicholas' Cathedral in Newcastle paid particular tribute to Jonathan's sensitive interpretation of the piece, his tempo and choice of registration (stops).

This was Jonathan's first outing to Ryton, but he has vowed to return next year.

Jonathan is currently studying Music, English, Applied Science and Applied ICT at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington, and plans to apply for an organ scholarship to study music at university.

If you would like to hear Jonathan in action, he will be giving a short organ recital at St Edmund's Church on Medieval Fayre day at 1.00 PM.

May Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Hardwick Park in May
Sun 1st: Dawn Chorus
Sat 14th: Minibeast Hunt
Sun 22nd: Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sat 28th: Pond Dipping
 Please call for more details
 01740 621505

Eddies@4
Sunday 1st May
 Informal service for 2-6 year olds
 4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's
 Bible story, songs, refreshments
 Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Blood Donor Session
 Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield
Monday 2nd May
 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:30 to 16:00.

Local History Society
Monday 2nd May
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm
 Maureen Martin
 "The unseen places of Durham"
All welcome

Annual Town Assembly
Tuesday 3rd May
 7.30 pm, Parish Hall
 Agenda and Papers available on
 evening or Council Offices

Sedgefield Gardening Club
Tuesday 3rd May
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.30pm
 Natural Wild Flowers
 by Tony Attle

CeddesFolk Session
Wednesday 4th May
 8pm Ceddesfeld Hall

Sedgefield WI
Wednesday 4th May
 7.15pm, Parish Hall
 AGM & Discussion of Resolution
 Members' competition:
 My never-fail recipe
Visitors welcome; fee £2.50

WI Coffee Morning
Friday 6th May
 Parish Hall 10-11.30am
 Cake stall, book stall, raffle,
 tombola, refreshments, etc.
 All welcome!

Methodist Church Hall
Saturday 7th May
 Book Sale & Coffee Morning
 Everyone is welcome

Farmers' Market
Sunday 8th May

NECP Concertina Workshop
Sundays 8th & 22nd May
 Ceddesfeld Hall at 1pm: all levels
 welcome. Contact 01642 588197

Methodist Wives & Friends
Monday 9th May
 Shaw Trust - Gardening
Monday 23rd May
 Red Kite Talk

Ladies' Club
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
Tuesday 10th May
 Social: Beetle & Food
Tuesday May 24th
 Jewelicious Jewellery - Jill

Sedgefield Show
 Thursday 12th May
 Meet in Nag's Head at 8pm

Country Market
Friday 13th May
 Parish Hall

S'field Family History Group
 (branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 16th May
 Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm
 "The Children of Middlesbrough
 Workhouse 1876-1919"
 Jim Nicholson
 Contact S. Hall 620367
All Welcome

Sedgefield Village Veterans
 Next meeting 7pm, Ceddesfeld Hall
Tuesday 17th May

**Ferryhill, Sedgefield &
 District Flower Club**
 Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th May
 Northumberland & Durham
 Demonstrator,
 Margaret Campbell
 Twigs & Things
 All welcome

Ukulele Workshop
Friday 20th May
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
 All levels welcome. Call 621729

St. Edmunds Church
Cream Teas and Jazz
Saturday 25th June 2011
 2pm to 4pm
 The Alex Ord Trio
 Join us for great afternoon's
 entertainment at what has become
 a very popular event.
 £6.00 per person, pay at the door.

Residents' Forum
No meeting in May
 Next meeting 7pm on 6th June
 Fletcher Room.

Sedgefield Library Events
Monday 9th & 23rd May
 Tickle Time: 2.15-3pm

Wednesday 11th & 25th May
 Rhyme Time: 10-11am
Wednesday 18th May
 Book Circle: 2pm
 Half term activities for the children.
 5 week arts & crafts course for
 adults. Please contact library for
 more details.

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

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

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

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

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

Ceddesfeld Art Group
 Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon
 on Thursdays in Ceddesfeld Hall
 Call in or contact Malcolm Scott
 on 622871

Café@St Catherine's
 Friendly chat & latest Fishburn
 gossip! Fridays 9.30am - 12noon
 Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

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

Cupcake Café
Sedgefield Community College
 10am-12 noon, term- time Fridays.
 Tea, coffee, homemade cakes &
 biscuits. All profits to charity

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall
Next time - June 4th

Your Letters

A tasty Spanish evening!

I'd just like to say thank you for a great night out at Ceddesfeld Hall on March 19th. Yet again Zena Smith, Roger Place, Tammy and Andy Joyce managed to pull it off. Not for one minute do I believe that the many generous units of wine poured for our delectation added in any way to everyone's escalating high spirits!

The chosen wines were delicious and complemented Tammy's yummy Spanish food; in between feasting we were regaled with information about the wines. We even managed (somehow) to complete the quiz - absolutely brilliant.

Pauline Tweddell

A good example!

Sunday April 10th was a beautiful day; when I arrived at Church for Evensong the green outside the Cross Hills was full of groups of people enjoying the sun and having

fun. When I came out of Church about half a dozen young people were picking up litter and I thought that, perhaps, they came from the Cross Hills.

I went over and thanked them for clearing up the mess and they told me that they had enjoyed a really good afternoon and would like to be able to do it again, but if the place was left in a mess they would be stopped, so they had decided that they would clear up the mess and leave the green clean.

Young people often don't get a very good press and this group, two of whom were from outside the village, had a clear sense of responsibility for the green and understood the consequences of leaving the place with a lot of litter which was not their own.

Thank you to them for doing this.

Michael King

Tea at Hardwyke

The Hardwyke Ward at Sedgfield Community Hospital recently put on

an afternoon tea representing the Ritz, as part of Dignity Day. It was lovely. The waitresses were dressed in black and white, the tables dressed with china cups and saucers with black and gold accessories, enhanced with lovely dainty sandwiches, scones, cakes, etc, as well as drinks on arrival, all done to perfection by the staff for the patients and visitors. It was a delightful event and a pleasure to attend and to be a part of it.

Betty Amlin and Jean Ogden

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Mini Rant of the Month!

So why do people pick up dog poop and leave it tied up in plastic bags around the village - put it in a bin!!

Geoff Hughes

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