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SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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Let the fun begin! It's Sedgefield's 46th Mediaeval Fayre on Saturday 21st May



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Award for exceptional results in 2015

Sedgefield Community College has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2015 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school is in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for high average grades achieved by students, as well as the top 20% nationally for progress made by pupils between key stage 2 results at primary school and key stage 4 results.

The school's SSAT Educational Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event. The Chief Executive of SSAT, Sue Williamson, said:

"It's my great pleasure to commend Sedgefield Community College on their excellent 2015 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work at the SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration evening. I have the privilege of visiting lots of schools and I am always impressed by the creativity of teachers engaging and inspiring their students.

I hope that SSAT's Educational Outcomes awards will highlight the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Sedgefield Community College. Recognising and sharing successes like this is at the heart of SSAT's mission, so I'm delighted to congratulate Sedgefield Community College on their achievement."

For children and adults alike, Mediaeval Fayre Day is a highlight in Sedgefield's calendar of events. The excitement begins as the fairground rides start to arrive on Friday morning just as children are going to school! This is the SCA's biggest event of the year and there are lots of events and activities taking place on the village green as well as in Ceddesfeld Hall and grounds and in St Edmund's Church.

Call to Arms

It's a great event for the community but it needs the community to get involved. Organisers are appealing for a bit of help on the day, or in the week leading up to the Fayre. Just one hour pledged will make a real difference, so if you can spare an hour or two to help on the stalls or in the refreshment hall, please get in touch.

Tug of War

We need new teams for the competition and ask that the pubs and local organisations come forward. The rewards will be well worth the effort. A special challenge is being made to seek women's and young people's teams. Trophies include best pub and youth teams as well as an overall winner's prize. Teams can enter on the day or in advance by contacting a committee member. **See contacts p.6**

Door To Door Collections

If you are able to help with collections and/or donate any non perishable foods, books, toys, bric-a-brac, raffle and tombola gifts, this would be greatly appreciated. Sorry, but no clothing, shoes, bikes, medium / large pieces of furniture, Hi-Fi or TVs.

Collections are between 6pm and 8pm on the following nights:

Monday 16th

Kerr Crescent; Pine Ridge; Mitford Court; Hardwick Road; Durham Road & North End

Tuesday 17th

White House Drive; Hawthorn Road; The Lane; St. Edmund's Green & East End

Wednesday 18th

West End; Station Road; Spring Lane; Queens Drive; The Meadows

Thursday 19th

Eden Drive; The Orchards; Stockton Road; Rectory Row & village centre.

Winterton residents may leave items at 17 Winterton Avenue from

Mon – Wed between 6 – 8pm. They will be collected during Thursday evening.

May

I am sure you will be pleased to know that on my fifth attempt I managed to catch up with the rare bird – the Penduline Tit which I mentioned in last month's column. It was only a brief glimpse and through a telescope but it was worth it.

In May it is well worth having a closer look at hedgerows, they are bursting with life. The white flowers of Blackthorn are starting to fade and these are replaced with Hawthorn blossom also known as May and is the only British tree to be named after the month in which it blooms. Hawthorn blossom was a key part of the May Day celebrations and was the original confetti as it was traditional to get married in the spring. The plant also had many medicinal uses, especially for heart conditions. Its name comes from the Old English 'haeg' meaning hedge.

Common Hawthorn can support more than 300 insects. It is the food plant for caterpillars of many moths, including the hawthorn, orchard ermine, vapourer, small eggar and lappet moths. The flowers are eaten by dormice and provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects. The haws are rich in antioxidants and are eaten by many migrating birds such as redwings, fieldfares and thrushes, as well as small mammals. The dense thorny foliage makes fantastic nesting shelter for many species of bird. In Britain it was believed that bringing Hawthorn blossom into the house would be followed by illness and death, and in medieval times it was said that Hawthorn blossom smelled like the Great Plague. Botanists later learned that the chemical trimethylamine in Hawthorn blossom is also one of the first chemicals formed in decaying animal tissue, so it is not surprising that Hawthorn flowers are associated with death.

Hedgerows are listed as a priority habitat in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). This means that they have been identified as an important habitat and actions are being taken to increase the quantity and quality of hedges in the UK, so that they continue to support a wealth of wildlife. Hedgerows provide vital resources for mammals, birds, and insects. They also act as wildlife corridors, allowing species to move between isolated habitats.

About 130 BAP priority species are significantly associated with hedgerows – these include moths, birds, lichens and fungi. While few of these species are dependent on hedgerows alone, the loss of hedgerows, or a decline in their quality, would be likely to have an adverse effect on their populations. Since the Second World War, the UK's ancient hedgerows have dramatically declined due to removal to increase field size and to make way for development. By the 1990s, 121,000 km of hedgerows had been lost across the UK. So why not plant your own native hedge and make a positive contribution to helping these species? More information about hedges can be found at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk or www.hedgeline.org.uk.

Thank you note

A big thank you to everyone who supported Elise Brown's 'Peru Challenge' fundraiser at the Manor House. It was a wonderful morning of entertainment from Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir (below) and Lirica, complemented by copious amounts of cake! And to put the cherry on the top, we raised a fantastic £460.

**Councillor Vacancy on Sedgefield Town Council**

Sedgefield Town Council currently has a Councillor vacancy.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the Town Clerk via email town.clerk@sedgefield.net or telephone **01740 621273** and request an application form.

Completed forms should be returned on or before

Tuesday 10th May 2016.

To qualify to apply for this position, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- your name appears on the current register of the Voters List for the Parish of Sedgefield
- you have resided within the Parish of Sedgefield, or within three miles of the Parish, for the whole 12 months preceding 10th May 2016
- your only workplace is within the Parish of Sedgefield for the whole 12 months preceding 10th May 2016.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Getting the News to you

For many years, one volunteer has done an enormous distribution job in the centre of Sedgefield and the time has definitely come to lighten her load!

We are looking for a few volunteers to deliver in the West End, Front Street and High Street areas, so that we can divide the work into a number of small, more manageable rounds.

If you can help in the centre or any other area of the Village, please call **Judith Edgoose on 01740 620244 or mobile 07899 984 464 - or email judithedgoose@hotmail.co.uk**

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Commemorating the Battle of the Somme

Sedgefield Local History Society, in association with Sedgefield Village Veterans, will hold a commemoration at Sedgefield War Memorial on Thursday June 30th at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to the event, to honour the memory of eight Sedgefield men lost at the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago.

Herbert Littleworth, William Smith, William Brumpton, John Usher Gladstone, Walter Winn, John Stamper Davison, Albert Bateman and Herbert Waite Ward are all remembered at Thiepval, and "Thiepval" is the title of an LHS exhibition in their honour to be held in Ceddesfeld Hall on Thursday June 30th and Friday July 1st, the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. If you have a family connection to any of these men, perhaps photographs, documents, family memories, medals, we would love to hear from you. Call me on 01740 620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. Please join us to remember Sedgefield's sacrifice at the Somme.

Success Story from Sedgefield Primary School to Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers

A former pupil of Sedgefield Primary School has become one of the youngest people to be elected as a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Philip Cooper, whose parents Eddie and Rose still live in Sedgefield, was confirmed as a Fellow towards the end of last year.

After his years at Sedgefield Primary School and Sedgefield Community College, Philip gained a degree in mechanical engineering at Teesside University and has gone on to work for a succession of major companies. Now in his early 40s, Philip is currently employed by Inter Terminals Ltd.



Geoff celebrates 40 years at the Dun Cow Inn

Enterprise Inns publican and local community treasure, Geoff Rayner celebrated 40 years at "the Dun" over a pint with his local MP.

A lot has changed since Geoff took the pub over in 1976, but his passion, expertise and community spirit has remained constant. During his time he has served some well-known customers – notably George Bush, then US president, and Tony Blair. They visited the pub together to enjoy a pint of ale during the 2003 state visit.

In recognition of his 40 years at the pub, Geoff was presented with a bottle of champagne and bouquet of flowers by Ian Ronayne, MD for the North Sector of Enterprise, and Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson, a friend of Geoff, dropped in to offer his personal congratulations.

Geoff, who turns 64 this year, is still actively involved in the day-to-day running of The Dun Cow Inn, despite battling a serious illness. He said: "I love my job, and couldn't imagine doing anything else. It's been a privilege to serve at the pub for so long, and I've been very lucky with the locals – they're all fantastic. I've had lots of memorable moments at the Dun Cow Inn over the years, serving the local community and world leaders alike! What's the secret to my success? Nothing special, I treat everyone with the same hospitality, whether they're a president, local or traveller dropping in. Everyone's welcome."

Geoff has always been well regarded within the local community, part sponsoring and contributing to the annual Sedgefield Fayre for more than 10 years. Enterprise regional manager Stuart Ireland said: "Geoff's longevity and success is thanks to his sheer commitment to impeccable standards throughout the pub. He always ensures everyone is welcome at the Dun Cow Inn, greeting old and new customers with the same charm. He epitomises what a fantastic local Publican is all about."

In a personal message to Geoff, Enterprise CEO Simon Townsend said: "It is a huge achievement to maintain your motivation, passion, energy and commitment in order to be successful over such a long period of time, and you must be hugely proud of what you have achieved over the years."



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Sedgefield Agricultural Show

Take Up The Challenge

This year's Show will, once again, bring together a varied programme of competitions, displays, exhibitions and trade stands on 13th August in the Robert Brown Showfield, West Park, Sedgefield.

Competition schedules are now available from Sedgefield Library, The Town Council Offices and a number of business outlets in the village as well as from www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk. They can also be requested by calling the show chairman, details below. There is something for everyone and a record number of entries and attendees is anticipated this year.

Competitive classes are available for the agricultural programme, which includes new classes for Donkeys, Ponies, Horses, Dairy Goats, Kennel club Dog Show (you can also enter your favourite dog), vintage tractors and small livestock.

The Home & Handicraft and Horticulture sections also offer a challenging programme, with free to enter sections for juniors. Why not get the whole family involved? There really is something for everyone.

The show will also feature number of trade stands showcasing an extensive range of products, artefacts and 'hands on' experiences of traditional country industries and traditions.

The Show Committee would like to thank the many friends and supporters whose commitment and enthusiasm has helped attract exhibitors and visitors from the local community and from far afield, ensuring that Sedgefield Agricultural Show is recognised as a memorable date in the National Show Diary

For further information, please contact Ian Mason, Sedgefield Show Chairman. Call 01740 621841, email ian@sedgefieldshow.co.uk

Notes from the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, April 12th

The Durham County Council Highways Committee deferred an application for the approval of parking restrictions on the access road into the Trading Estate due to a late objection. The application will now be presented to the May Highways Committee meeting.

PC Keith Todd informed the meeting of two egg throwing incidents from a moving vehicle and appealed for any information that might be helpful in his enquiries. He did, however, also report that recorded incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in the last two months was at an all-time low.

The meeting was informed that a replacement for Lauren Wray (Community Liaison Officer) has not yet been actioned.

The next meeting of N/Hood Watch will be on Tuesday 14th June in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall.

The 'Eye at Night'

A joint venture by police officers from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU) aimed at



cracking down on speeding motorists saw 'night vision' safety cameras being used to identify offenders last month. These new infra red cameras can be used in low light levels and have been fitted to the four mobile safety vans which operate across the Durham and Cleveland force areas. The new cameras replace the previous models which could only operate when there was sufficient daylight to capture vehicle registration details to the required level. Acting Inspector Phil Grieve, from the CDSOU said; "This new, night time capability means the staff from the Safety Camera Unit can now operate at any time of day or night and detect speeding motorists at times the older

PC Todd's report

Crime remains low in Sedgefield village at the moment with the local shops and garage being targets for shoplifters and petrol thefts.

A disturbing incident took place on Saturday 9th April around 1pm when a vehicle described as a silver Renault Megane drove down the Front Street. The occupants had deliberately thrown a raw egg at an elderly female striking her in the neck/shoulder area and giving her a fright not to mention the mess left behind. Enquiries reveal that only minutes earlier a similar incident occurred in Fishburn where a 75 year old female became a victim. If anyone is aware of this vehicle or the owner please get in touch as I would like to have a serious word with them.

Pact

A short meeting was held directly after the NHW meeting. Members agreed for the police to continue to monitor the appalling/inconsiderate parking at the entrance to Salters Lane Industrial Estate.

Pub Watch

A Pub Watch meeting was held recently in Ceddesfeld Hall. Members were informed of an incident in the Black Lion pub where a group of males were drunk. One male was arrested by police. Members agreed that from this incident two persons will receive 3 month bans for their drunk and threatening behaviour. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated in member premises and action will be taken against offenders.

Until next time, Keith

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equipment could not.

He continued, "Speeding remains one of the four main factors in serious or fatal collisions and the limits are put in place quite simply to protect pedestrians and all road-users."

Road Traffic Accident data suggests that nine out of ten pedestrians will survive if hit by a vehicle at 20mph. However, this figure falls to five out of ten when struck at 30mph, and only one in ten at a speed of 40mph. In the recent trial, on the A66 near Teesside Retail Park, one offending driver was clocked at 79mph in the 50mph limit.

Acting Inspector Grieve added: "We want people to drive in a way that they would expect others to drive."



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A REAL MAY DAY MARKET

We remember with a shudder the washout of last year's May Farmers' Market and we're so glad that on the 1st of May there's another chance to watch traditional Maypole Dancing by children from Sedgefield Primary School. They have bravely agreed to give it another try, so fingers crossed for fair weather! Butterwick Hospice will be there too, along with our excellent food, plant and craft traders. Lots of reasons to meet us on the Green between 8.30 and 12.30.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR ENERGY SWITCHERS

The people who have used our energy switching scheme, many now for a second year, have contributed to an overall saving for Sedgefield residents of over **£80,000**. We are delighted by the response and fully intend to continue with the initiative. It would be a really significant achievement to reach savings of £100,000 by the end of our second year in July. It will need a big push to reach that target but there are still plenty of people who have never registered for the scheme.

If you would like to save on your energy costs, you need to register before **MAY 16th**. Either register online at www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk; open the ENERGY SWITCH section, then simply click on the RED 'REGISTER NOW' button, then follow the links and fill out your details.

Or, if you prefer to register and receive information through the post, or need any help, please call the Sedgefield Development Trust Helpline on **07980 134 594** and we will be more than happy to assist you or complete your registration for you. Registering commits you to nothing and you will never be pestered with follow-up phone calls or emails.

Important: if you registered and switched at this time last year, please register again to continue to benefit from the scheme. It will not happen automatically.

For more news from SDT check out our website at www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk

Ceddesfeld Hall

Home of Sedgefield Community Association



Over 70 children and their families attended the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday and a great time was had by everyone.

There were competitions for the best Easter bonnet, decorated and dyed eggs as well as a fabulous hunt all around the grounds for chocolate eggs. There were special prizes for first, second and third placed winners, (see below) but every child received a prize, so no-one went away empty handed. It was a great afternoon. The competition winners were:

Decorated Eggs: (Under 5) Hannah Davey, Eliza Hatton and Ethan Jones, (5 to 9) George Davey, Jessica Hatton Olivia Bates and Nieve Nuttall, (9 & over) Sadie Mekins, Toby Metcalfe Emily Hall.

Dyed Eggs: (Under 5) Ethan Jones, (5 – 9) Ruby Heslop, Emily Heslop and Ava Jones, (9 & over) Lucy Heslop.

Easter Bonnets: (Under 5) George Sutherland, Ellie Cooke, Olivia Bates. (5 -9) Dylan Cooke, Matilda Curbeson, Nieve Nuttall, (9 & over) Hannah Sutherland, Sadie Mekins, Daisy-May Collitor.

Themed Bonnets: (under 5) William Robinson, (5 - 9) Oliver Robinson.

May Queen 2016 and her Attendants. This Year's May Queen is Robyn Taylor (8) from Sedgefield Primary and her attendants are Ruby Cockburn (9), Scarlet Cockburn (6), Isabel Williams (8) all from Sedgefield Hardwick.

It was a lovely occasion which everyone really enjoyed and we're now looking forward to the Mediaeval Fayre on May 21st. Look out for the Proclamation through your door anytime soon.

For more information, contact Wendy, 620206: Pat, 620607: Sarah, 622185 or visit our website, www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk.

NHS Better Health Programme

During February, we held a series of events where people shared their experience of health services – what works well, and where we could improve. We are now holding a second series of events, to share the feedback we received and seek views on how services could be designed in the future.

We want to explore with you how we improve patient experience and outcomes, eg. • How we provide more care outside of hospital; and how we make sure patients with life threatening needs receive specialist care so they have the best opportunity to make a good recovery.

Take part at Sedgefield Parish Hall on Saturday 14th May from 10am-12noon.

Call 01642 745401 or email necsu.betterhealthprogramme@nhs.net to book your place.

Sedgefield Village Games

The games return this Olympic year, and you can be at the launch at a Coffee Morning in The Manor House on Saturday 7th May from 10.30am-12.30. Find out about the exciting plans for this fabulous festival of fun, which will run from 6th - 18th June



Northbridge Festival July 23rd

THE second annual Northbridge Festival returns, with some huge names on the bill. Last year's inaugural event was the first electronic music festival to be held in the region and proved a huge success. Held at the secluded and stunning site at Knowle Farm, Fishburn, the festival promises to be even bigger and better than the last. The one-day festival to be held has 'Waze and Odyssey' as the headline act. This House duo are giants of the music scene, reaching number 3 in the official UK chart in 2014 with a remix of R Kelly's, 'bump N Grind'. Organiser, Ben Tinkler, who lives in Bolam, said, "It is rare to see such big names at an intimate event like Northbridge when they are more used to playing to thousands of fans. It is a real coup to have them at our festival with a capacity of just 500."

The intimate party atmosphere of last year's Northbridge Festival has set the tone for this year's to be even better. The festival began as a house party, which grew into a vibrant, outdoor festival with all amenities, including camping facilities, hot food, licensed bar and so much more. Other artists who will be appearing include Sonny Fodera, an Australian signed to Defected records; former Big brother contestant, Dale Howard; local lad Jacky, originally from Crook but now very big in London and Ibiza; Smoove, of Smoove and Turrell and another 30 DJs will be playing in different tents and outdoor venues on the farm.

For the first time, the festival will bring together some of the North east's biggest clubbing and music brands for the 'Curated' stage at the festival, including Haze from Sunderland, riffraff, Middlesbrough, Solar Knights, Darlington and an exciting new record label, throne Room Records, owned by Bishop Auckland DJ, Oli Carloni. This is strictly an over 18s event and is sponsored by Fawn Couture and Nosh Healthy Kitchen. Day tickets (£40) and Camping tickets (£50) are on sale from www.northbridgefestival.co.uk.

Follow the Northbridge Festival on Facebook for exciting updates. Contact Ben Tinkler via mobile on 07846036626 or email northbridge-events@outlook.com.

Calling all Classic Cars!

Owners of vintage and classic vehicles are invited to display vehicles from a bygone era, when Butterwick Hospice stage a series of exhibitions over Spring and Summer. Sedgefield Hardwick Country Park is the venue on Tuesday 14th June. To get involved and register your vehicle, call 01388 603003. Entry is just £3 minimum donation per vehicle and all proceeds go to Butterwick Hospice. All events are open to the public. Please note, you must register your vehicle prior to the event, so to avoid disappointment register NOW. Check out our website for precise locations and entry of vehicles.

Beryl Anderson



Photographs from last year's festival from Northbridge Website

**Who needs a lie in?**

Just before Christmas last year I was asked if I would be willing to help set up the Farmers' Market on the Green in the Village. 'Of course' I said, 'What time do I need to be there?' '8 am.' 'On a Sunday?' My heart sank. So that weekend I hauled myself out of the warmth of my bed and headed up to the Village Green to help the small, but passionate group of volunteers to set up for the monthly market. I soon forgot about the cold as between us we erected the gazebos and stalls necessary for the event to run. That morning we put up 8 gazebos, which may not seem like a huge feat, but when there are a small number of you it takes longer than you might think.

I have been helping every month since then and the numbers of volunteers have grown slightly. The Farmers' Market itself, which is organised and run by Roger Clubley of Sedgefield Development Trust, hosts stalls selling local produce and from local companies, including Rosalind's Larder, Spicy Monkey, Patterson's Fish, Wreford Farm, Broom House Farm, Oakdene Woodcraft and many more. There is also a free Community Stall each month which can be used by groups and societies to advertise events, demonstrate their skills or pass on information about what they do. The Lyric Singers, SLYC and Lirica and Ceddesfolk are just some of the groups who have performed in the Music Tent. The Market brings a great sense of community to Sedgefield and I always enjoy the atmosphere and camaraderie of the volunteers. It would be wonderful to have more so if you don't mind giving up your lie-in once a month, wander up to the Green on the first Sunday of the month to lend a hand. You would be most welcome! TG



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SPORTS UPDATE

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Back in the September 2015 update, I expressed a hope that the North East's major football teams would fare better this season and give their fans a less stressful experience. My hopes have definitely not been realised and, for different reasons there are some very nervy times ahead for supporters of Darlington, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Newcastle United. It looks inevitable that the campaign will end in tears for fans of at least one of those clubs. Meanwhile, hats off to Craig Hignett for the job he's done at Hartlepool United. With three games to go, the team is heading for a comfortable mid-table (ish) finish, an outcome that looked extremely unlikely a couple of months ago.

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club's annual club championships concluded with a very well attended finals night on 15th April. Those who were there witnessed some thrilling matches which drew the official season to a close. The men's club championship was won for the third time by Chris Gillespie, who beat Rob Pearce 3-0. The scoreline did not reflect what was an intensely fought game, with both players having to dig deep to win points and establish any advantage. The ladies' competition was won by Marie Priest for the first time, and the junior championship was retained by Oliver Walls. In the other junior competitions, Jess Weatherspoon grabbed a hat trick of wins, securing the U13, U15 and girls' trophies.

The full roll of honour read as follows:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Club Closed	Chris Gillespie	Rob Pearce
Ladies' Closed	Marie Priest	Amanda Hetherington
Junior Closed	Oliver Walls	George Peden
Men's Plate	Simon Hill	Steve Welton
Over 40s	Nigel Musgrave	Chris Bunting
Over 50s	Jeff Sinclair	Steve Welton
Over 60s	Rob Emery	Chris Brooke
Junior Plate	Robert Forrest	Richard Flanagan
Junior Racketball	Jack Stephenson	David Worthington
Girls'	Jess Weatherspoon	Chloe Hill
Girls' Plate	Georgia Smith	Lauren Pryn
Under 15s	Jess Weatherspoon	Jack Stephenson
U15s Plate	Chloe Hill	Richard Flanagan
Under 13s	Jess Weatherspoon	Robert Peacock
U13s Plate	Jenny Walker	Michael Peacock
Under 11s	Alexander Young	Matteo Rutherford
U11s Plate	Tom Gilbert	Robyn Taylor

At the club's presentation evening, the following additional awards were presented:

Men's Player of the Year	James Knowlson
Ladies' Player of the Year	Marie Priest
Junior of the Year	George Peden

Athletics

The first outdoor track and field meetings of the season have taken place and already the junior Sedgefield Harriers have tasted success. For many, the traditional opening event is the Anne Marie Readshaw meet in Shildon, which this year took place on Sunday 17th April. Eight youngsters pulled on their Sedgefield vests for the day – Aimee Barlow, Callum Darby, Samantha Glaister, Sophie Glaister, Jessica Hall, Max Howell, Max Turner and Ryan Watson. Across a wide range of track and field disciplines, they all performed really well, recording several personal bests. Medals were secured by Aimee (first in the U15 girls' high jump) and Jessica (second in the U13 girls' high jump and third in the 800m). Senior Harrier Lisa Darby also competed at Shildon, running well in the 3,000m.

That's all for now. If you have any sports news, please email chrisjlines@aol.com



As I mentioned last month, Sedgefield Village Games (SVG) is back for 2016. This being an Olympic and Paralympic year, the SVG team plans to re-visit some of the activities that were held in 2012 and this time incorporate a Brazilian theme. The 2016 Festival will run from 6th-18th June and will offer a schedule of free taster events involving a wide range of sports and other activities. The events will be designed for young people, but anyone is welcome to get involved. At the time of writing, activities/groups that will be included in the programme include Sedgefield Youth FC, Sedgefield Cricket Club, Sedgefield Squash Club, Sedgefield Harriers, Wigglets, Sedgefield District Rugby Club, archery, orienteering and tap dancing. In addition, the community college will host a SVG-themed open event. Children who participate in at least five events during the festival will be able to claim a special beanie hat memento, with a design that is unique to the festival.

SVG will also contribute to Sedgefield Day on Saturday 11th June, bringing back last year's popular climbing wall, along with 'Jungle Obstacle Run', a series of displays on the village green and sports kit for people to use on the Ceddesfeld Hall terrace.

The Sedgefield Village Games 2016 Festival will be officially launched with a coffee morning in the Manor House on Saturday 7th May, from 10:30am-12:30pm, which is being held in partnership with Sedgefield Ladies Escape. Full details of the festival programme will be unveiled at the event and there will be a display of Rio 2016 inspired artwork created by pupils from the two primary schools. Everyone is welcome. For all the latest news about the festival, keep an eye on the SVG Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SedgefieldVillageGames, the website, www.sedgefieldgames.com and follow @SedgefieldGames on Twitter.



Sedgefield Folk Festival 2nd - 4th September

After ten very successful years, we are looking forward to our 11th Festival.

This year's event has an international flavour with main guests travelling from Ireland, Spain and the USA. Artists booked include Kieran Goss from Ireland, Jez Lowe, Other Roads (Gregor from Spain), Brian Willoughby (Strawbs and Fairport Convention) and Cathryn Craig (USA), The Teacups, Goat Roper Rodeo Band, Gilded Thieves, George Welch & Stewart Hardy, Pipedream, Alter Ego, Lirica, Maxine & Lol Crallan, Broadband, Old Age Travellers, Bert Draycott, Stockton/Darlington Ukulele Express and John Wrightson Band. The three main concerts will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon a & evening. There will also be music at Ceddesfeld Hall, the Social Club and Manor House. All the usual singarounds and free workshops will take place as well as the Durham Traditional Song Writing Competition and the ever popular World Spoons Championship.

Tickets go on sale from 1st May and are available from the Festival Office - call 621347. Weekend tickets cost £40 for the three main concerts or £17 for individual tickets (evening concerts) and £10 for the afternoon concert.

Details of the full programme can be found on the Festival's website www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk

Your Letters

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Fundraising for the Festival goes on and on p 12, under 'Looking forward to June' are details of a concert featuring local favourite, Flossie Malavialle

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MAY 2016 DIARY

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Date	Event
Sun 1st	Farmers' Market on the Green from 8.30am.
Mon 2nd	Local History Society 7.45 Ceddesfeld Hall Dr John Banham 'The Development of Coalmining from the 17th-19th century.
Tue 3rd	Tea Dance Parish Hall 1—3pm Gardening Club 7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall. Summer Hanging Basket demonstration: Alan Chalk
Wed 4th	WI 7.15pm, Parish Hall A.G.M. Discussion of Resolution; Presentation of Competition Trophy; Talk by WIA. Bring & Buy your spare plants, seeds and seedlings. Member's Competition: A flower from your garden
Fri 6th	Sedgefield Village Veterans Coffee Morning Parish Hall 10—12 . Raffle prizes to be drawn. U3A Parish Hall 2pm Liz Fisher Operations Director, The Auckland Castle Regeneration Project. All members welcome, guests £3 ☎ 629574
Sat 7th	Sedgefield Library 10 - 11am Surgery with councillor Rachel Lumsdon SCA Open Mic Night in Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30 £3 ☎ 622185
Mon 9th	Methodist Wives & Friends 7.30. Garden Talk, Diane Nichol Brown Really Easy Bridge Lessons at Ceddesfeld Hall. 1.30 - 4pm. ☎620607
Tue 10th	Ladies' Club 7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall. CSI with Ian Wilkinson Neighbourhood Watch Panel Meeting , 7pm Fletcher Room, Parish Hall.
Thu 12th	Sedgefield Show Meeting 8pm at Sedgefield Social Club
Fri 13th	Country Market 10 - 11.30am Parish Hall. Home baking, plants, crafts, refreshments. A warm welcome awaits.
Sat 14th	South Durham Steeplechases Howe Hills Farm , Mordon. TS21 2HG First Race 2.00pm Adults £10.00 Children and Parking Free Tel 01740 621633
Mon 16th	Deadline for Sedgefield News May edition Sedgefield Family History Group Ceddesfeld Hall 7.15pm. From Telegram Boy to Bomber Command" by Lynn Defty
Tue 17th	Tea Dance Parish Hall 1—3pm F'hill, S'field & District Flower Club Parish Hall 7.30pm. Ann Simpson Timeless Classics (Club 30th anniversary) £5.50/ £8 non members
Mon 23rd	Methodist Wives and Friends 7.30pm Project
Tue 24th	Ladies' Club 7.30pm Ceddesfeld Hall. Upstairs / Downstairs by Maeve Natrass

Looking ahead to June

Sedgefield Folk Festival Fundraising Concert : Friday 10th June @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Guests are Flossie Malavialle and Paul Donnelly, Jester B and the John Wrightson Band. Tickets are £10 from the Festival Office (tel 621347).

Sedgefield Players present 'Will Power' : 17th/18th June @ 7.30pm
Tickets from Tickety Boo sedgefieldplayers.co.uk ☎ 621771

Local History Society : June 30th. Somme Commemoration and Exhibition

Library Update:

Marko's Circus workshop was a fantastic session, enjoyed by all the children and parents. Sedgefield Library is very grateful to Councillor Lumsdon for providing the funding. The next event, on Thursday 2nd June at 2.30pm, features Crazy Kev Master, Balloonist and Magician.



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