



Sedgefield NEWS

April 2011

Grease is the word!

A 24-strong cast of year 10 Sedgefield Community College students gave 3 sell out shows of Grease, as a unit for their BTEC performing arts course. Friends, family and anyone from the local community lucky enough to get a ticket, all agreed the show was a terrific success.

Head of Creative Arts, Sam Berriman explains. "BTEC Performing Arts is made up of two teaching groups (Dance and Acting). 'Grease' was an assessed piece of work where students had the opportunity to work on all aspects of a production as a theatre company. The process culminated in a sell out show last week. Both staff and students have really enjoyed working together to make this event possible in our new school building. Much extra curricular time, including holidays, has been given to rehearsals and students

developed new skills and with that, found that they have become more confident in their own abilities as individuals.

We hope that this is the start of things to come and are already in the process of planning for our next production Bugsy Malone."

This was a slick, gutsy performance. Even the soppy songs were carried with panache - not easy with an audience right in your face and you're only in your early to mid-teens.

The whole cast had attitude (just look at those T-birds!) and there was genuine talent and enthusiasm on display.

Roll on Bugsy. SNews Editor

... and finally, see p12





Fairy Tales in Fishburn

Fishburn Dance and Drama (*pictured above*) performed to packed audiences at Sedgefield Parish Hall recently. "Once Upon A Fairy Tale" was based on the stories of Hans Christian Anderson, produced and choreographed by Gill Rowe. Members aged between 3 and 23 delighted the audiences with their performances of the Ugly Duckling, Thumbelina and the Little Mermaid.

All proceeds are in aid of Richard Rowe, who is seeking sponsorship in his quest to climb the 17,500 feet to Mount Everest base camp for the charity Child Reach International. Many thanks to all who helped with the show.

Sedgefield Players

It was tears and laughter in equal measure at an outstanding production of 'Flamingoland' by Deborah MacAndrew.

Defiantly facing up to death from cancer, Mari (Norma Neal) is determined to leave everything in order, bagging, boxing and shredding the accumulated clutter of a lifetime. Long suffering daughter Kathleen (Jacqui O'Meara) does her best to help, but careful preparations are shattered when a long hidden family secret is revealed. Mari's snobbish sister Bridie (Jean Hewling), so puritanical that her own daughter Sadie (Viv Jacobs) feels obliged to keep her musical talent under wraps, brought tension and a complete lack of understanding to her sister's situation. Thomas Guest as Dave, the environmental health officer trying to deal with squirrels in the loft, became an unlikely ally, sharing hopes, fears and dreams with Mari and Kathleen. On a spartan set, almost totally devoid of furniture by the final scene, the five perfectly cast actors took the audience on an emotional journey, gales of laughter in the early scenes giving way to moments in the second half when you could have heard a pin drop. Director Walter Howell, his dedicated team of backstage and technical crew and the actors worked hard to bring Sedgefield a production which will live long in the memory.

LOTUS (*Ladies Of The Upper Skerne*)

Bank holiday family disco

to raise funds for LINKZ youth group on **Friday 29th April** from 7pm till late, at the Parish Hall, Sedgefield To include disco, licensed bar and a faith supper – all donations of food would be greatly appreciated

Adults:£4 Children (up to 16 years of age):£2.50

For further information or to buy a ticket please call Jean on 620265

Vacancy for School Governor

Sedgefield Primary School on Rectory Row has a vacancy for another Governor. They are looking for a member of the local community who is interested in supporting the school in providing the best education for the children of Sedgefield. Please call in to the school to find out more.

Anniversary of King James' Bible

The place it was heard first in Sedgefield is to host a King James Bible 400th Anniversary Celebration: a Sedgefield Area Churches Together event at St Edmund's Church on **Monday 11th April** at 6pm. There will be readings from the bible by local children and tea, coffee, juice and cakes afterwards.



Left: Sedgefield Players celebrate after 'Flamingoland'. Jacqui O'Meara, Norma Neal, Jean Hewling, Viv Jacobs. Back: Tom Guest
The Panto caption competition was won by John Nicholls (Great North Runner, Sarah the Cook) with 'First night nerves had left the Players scared stiff.'

Racketball

Have you reached an age when your doctor, wife, body (or all three) tell you its time to give up the beloved game? Well all is not lost; there is an alternative – Racketball. It's a game that's gathering momentum nationally and appeals to all ages.

Played on a squash court and with similar rules, the larger, bouncier ball and shorter rackets make the game less hectic than squash, whilst still providing exercise and fun. Racketball can either serve as a good introduction to squash, or as an enjoyable game in its own right. There is a regular Sunday morning group of men and women who play socially at Sedgefield Squash Club (behind Ceddesfeld Hall) and the opportunity to play all year round at the club throughout the week or at week-ends. If you are interested, pop along or contact Chris Rowsby on 621125 (www.sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk) for a taster session.



Sedgefield Round Table Blues Club

Paul Jones (Manfred Mann, Do Wah Diddy - and current father of British Blues) celebrates the 25th anniversary of his Radio 2 blues programme, with a live set from Maida Vale studios, featuring 4 of the best young British blues artists; Kyla Brox Band, Oli Brown Band, 24 Pesos & Marcus Bonfanti! Three of the four are already booked to play in Sedgefield this year and we have been in touch with Marcus Bonfanti's agent to get him here as soon as possible in the new year. Is it just a strange co-incidence, Paul Jones *and* Sedgefield choosing the same artistes? More likely it indicates the high Quality of musicianship we present here, as those of you who saw Kyla Brox band last month will attest. The Kyla Brox Band performed blues/soul classics and their own compositions with amazing passion and ability - and that oh! so special voice.

Aby supported by solo artist Howlin Matt, a surprise local find who gave us brilliant renditions of classics on his battered 50's Gibson guitar and even older Fender amp, creating a real back to the roots start to the night: 2 extremes of the genre in the same night, both eminently enjoyable.

Next up on Easter Saturday - 23rd April, is a real coup. The Rob Tognini band features the virtuoso Tasmanian guitar player and I kid you not, this is an absolute must if you prefer your blues to err on the side of rock. You will not see better! Support is young and very local band, Blackwater Fever. We are expecting another great one. Tickets are on sale at the Post Office.

Comic Relief Students at Sedgefield Community College continued their impressive recent tradition of supporting charity events for this year's Comic Relief Day. More than £700 had already been raised before the day and a final fundraising figure in excess of £1000 is expected. Activities ranged from sponsored silences, cake sales, fancy dress to the students of a year 7 tutor group all taking part in a sponsored walk/run of a combined 150+km during the week - a fantastic effort!

The year 7 tutor group who completed the fun run/walk for Comic Relief



Mediaeval (Fayre) Meal

Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

Saturday 16th April

Bountiful (hot) Buffet, Melodious Music & Quirky Quizzes!

Tickets £16, from David/Wendy: 620607 or Pat/Dudley:620607

Safe Food Handling & Preparation

Food Hygiene Course Level 2
9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Tuesday 12th April

at Ceddesfeld Hall

A free course available for members of community groups involved in catering (eg. where produce or meals are prepared and sold to the public) - or for people seeking part-time work in food establishments. The course ends with a short test.

Successful completion shows the participant can work to basic health requirements and good practice.

The course is being promoted through Sedgefield Together Community Partnership with funding from the local Learning Skills Partnership. For more information, please contact

Pat Buckley-Atkins 01740 620607. Places limited so book in advance.

The Revolutionaires

Sizzlin' hot local R & R / R & B Combo perform at Mainsforth Hall at 7.30pm on

Friday 20th May.

Tickets are £5 from Colin's Chippy in Ferryhill or call Jonny on **07812 017 036**

Sedgefield has Talent

April 1st event cancelled due to lack of support.

Community SAFETY



Well done to our local Police

Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch Chairman Ken Saiger is extremely pleased to be able to publicly thank local officers PCSO Gavin Rutter, PC Keith Todd & Sgt. Brian O'Connor for achieving an excellent result in the Police battle against the lead thefts in our village. Due to their co-ordinated and persistent efforts to catch the thieves they made 3 arrests during the small hours of Saturday morning on the 26th of February. As a result of their hard work they have apprehended a prolific thief responsible for targeting our village, including theft from St Edmund's Church.

Being aware & up to date

The notification of the arrests was made available to members of N/H/Watch (who have elected to receive messages) via telephone & internet messaging from the Police on March 1st.

If any resident would like to receive these messages, please contact C/man Ken Saiger in the first instance either by telephone or via the internet: -

Tel. 01740 621896 E-mail – kensaiger@kerr14.plus.com

Ken also supplements the Police system with Early Warning updates and relevant Crime prevention / Useful Security information. If anyone wishes to be included in this (N/H/Watch) e-mail circulation please e-mail Ken with your request and details.

Crime prevention in Sedgefield

A timely reminder of a message from Durham Police - Crime Prevention; they are keen to impress upon residents the need to keep their homes secure at all times and to ensure car and house keys are not visible from windows and doors. It is important to be aware that homes are given the appearance of being occupied. Light timer switches can be used to activate interior lighting and dusk to dawn sensors can do the same, to automatically switch on exterior lights. An approved intruder alarm is also something to consider. It represents a significant deterrent and is a most effective burglary prevention measure. For anyone thinking of upgrading their external doors or windows, new doors should meet the enhanced security standard PAS 24 and the window enhanced security standard is BS 7950.

Past research has indicated that over half of the burglaries in Sedgefield Borough area did not involve forced entry. This would suggest the crime was either a sneak-in crime, distraction or the property was insecure. We are all complacent at times, but by giving a little consideration to your home security will help prevent you becoming a victim of crime.

Cold callers

Why not display a No Cold Calling Home sticker and ignore any uninvited callers - especially those who ignore your notice. Stickers are still available free from the Town Council Offices (next to the Doctor's Surgery).

Flask in the fridge

Please remember to update your data sheet inside the flask, following any change to either your medication or to your health. It is vital that if the Emergency Services are called and refer to the information that it is accurate & up to date, it is for your benefit only. A simple method is to put your most recent medication script in the flask (as long as it has all your current medication on it). Flasks are still available free from the Library and the Town Council

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

PC Todd reports

In the early hours of Saturday 26th February two males and a female were stopped by the police. They were arrested on suspicion of theft of lead. One of these males later admitted to 24 separate offences of theft of lead which covers most of the local villages. The Hardwick Hall, St Edmund's church, Lile Gardens and the Dun Cow were all his victims. Let's hope he get what he deserves at the magistrates' court. A word of caution regarding similar offences. Not all the reported thefts of lead have been admitted to by him which would indicate other low life are still out there and active. Please continue to report any suspicious activity and let's nail the rest of them.

There has been a small increase in theft from gardens recently. Plants and containers have been taken from West End and High Street, and a metal water tank taken from the Orchard area. Other crimes include a garage broken into in

Kerr Crescent where fishing rods were taken and damage caused to a window in Chestnut Road.

Keith

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Golden Lion. There were no incidents to report which required further action from members. Members acknowledge the contribution made to the village and Pub Watch and say a farewell to Phil and Becky Parker who have now left the Black Lion, and we welcomed Jackie Horswell and her son, Ashley, who have taken over. We wish them every success in the Black Lion.

P.A.C.T.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend the P.A.C.T. meeting last month. Therefore, I will give any updates at the next meeting. The priority for the Beat team will remain the same, which is parking issues outside of Hardwick Primary School. I ask that all parents who drive their children to school to be considerate to all road users and think of the safety of the children. Remember – If you choose to park causing an obstruction – we might choose to give you a ticket costing £30. You have been warned!

Jottings from Sedgefield

Residents' Forum March meeting.

As usual the meeting covered updates on issues from the previous meeting, and new issues raised by residents. It was welcomed that there had been some foot path repairs but concern was expressed at the standard of repair and the worry that 'skimming' repairs will not last very long.

The Local Government Ombudsman has decided that since we have not been able to make any progress in getting answers from Durham County Council (DCC) to the Section 106 monies issue that she will instigate a further complaint and investigation against DCC. We will report any result when we receive information.

We have had no feedback from DCC since the Forum made comment on DCC proposals for further land allocation for building homes in the village. Information indicates that DCC propose further consultation on the issue in March. The Forum felt that the Town Council should seek the views of our community on any further building developments in the village so that they can give a clear view on what our community requires.

We still await a date for the planning meeting to consider the application for wind turbines in Spring Lane. Other turbines have recently been given permission in the surrounding area and there is the possibility of a huge application in the not too distant future which would result in

our village being completely surrounded by turbines. We welcome our MP's comments that the cumulative effect of such applications must be considered.

Concern was expressed at the potential closure of the Hardwyke Ward at the Community Hospital. Although there was some publicity on the issue many people in the village are not aware of the potential loss of the service of that ward locally. It was a long fought battle, many years ago, to retain our Community Hospital and we must make sure that the excellent services it provides locally are maintained.

The DERIC Youth bus started its work in the village on Saturday nights; it will be interesting to hear what all parties think about the service, though it only seems to be there for a couple of hours from 5pm.

On a final note, please sign the petition to save Coxhoe (and other) Leisure Centres from closure. You can get involved in efforts to save the Centre, which many people from our village use (information in the Town Council Office).

The next Forum meeting is on Monday 4th April; 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome. Don't forget you can get information (minutes etc.) by email from the Town Council by submitting your email address to jane@sedgefield.net - or the minutes can be read in the library one week before the next meeting.

Bloom Judging

Northumbria in Bloom judges make their preliminary visit on April 19th, so let's pull together to make sure the centre of the village does us proud. Gardener Stephen Young returns to work from sick leave the day before the spring judging, but volunteers have been busy planting and the village is already looking good.

Plans are taking shape for this year and next. We would like to create a willow sculpture, possibly for 2012, and wonder if there's anybody out there with the relevant skills. If you can help, or know somebody who could, contact the council offices on 01740-621273 or email

a.m.petty@btinternet.com or angela.simpson@sedgefield.net.

The next Sedgefield in Bloom coffee morning is on Friday 15th April, 10-11.30am in the Parish Hall. Donations of tombola prizes and paperbacks would be most welcome. Pop them in to the council offices.

If you would like to help, feel free to come along and join us. The next Sedgefield in Bloom meeting is in the council offices at 10am on Wednesday 6th April. You can also support by coming along to the fund raising coffee morning or just picking up litter when you see it!

Sedgefield Rotary Club visit to NETPark

from left - Esteban Chaparro, Centre for Process Innovation; Matthew O'Keefe, U2T Photonics; Max Ahmed, Advanced Imaging Systems; Mel Broadbelt, President of Sedgefield Rotary Club; Catherine Johns, Co Durham Development Company;

Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield

Members of the Rotary Club of Sedgefield were invited to NETPark in February, to put on a presentation about Rotary's activities and to meet representatives from NETPark, to hear more about the companies and future development.

The Rotary Club is aware of the influx of new companies to NETPark and the Sedgefield area and would like them to see the contribution it makes to the community and its part in Rotary worldwide.

Catherine Johns gave the talk about NETPark, saying "Most important is the shared ethos of making connections. That's what science parks are all about and we are recognised as pioneering in our efforts to connect beyond the park boundaries into the wider communities. It's also essential to inspire the future workforce and I'm sure there are many activities that we do in terms of outreach into schools and community groups that would work well with Rotary activities."

Phil Wilson MP for Sedgefield also attended, always keen to support the activities of the science park and please to hear the story of Rotary.



If you sometimes wish you could just pop out, think about trying the Pop In Club

The Sedgefield Pop In Club at Ceddesfeld Hall provides an opportunity for anyone housebound, having trouble getting around because of a disability or perhaps feeling a bit isolated, to get out of the house and meet people.

There's tea, 50p and coffee, 60p (refills half-price) and friendly company. Most importantly, transport is provided for those who need it. To arrange to be picked up, call organiser, Wendy Rowley on 01740 620609

Pop In Times

Tuesdays, 9.30am-12 noon, Wednesdays, 10am-12.30pm and Thursdays, 1pm - 3.30pm.

MBE for guider Jackie

Congratulations to Jackie Postgate, who received the MBE for service to Girl guiding in Sedgefield by Her Majesty the Queen, last December. Jackie writes, "Another fabulous experience was meeting Chairman of Durham County Council, Mac Williams, JP, as he presented me with the Chairman's medal, an award for service to the community."

Pictured left to right are Cllrs Dennis Morgan, Vice Chairman, and John Robinson JP; Chairman Mac Williams JP, Ernie Postgate, Jackie Postgate MBE, Julie Towler & Cllr Lucy Hovells.



SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

London 2012 Olympic Games tickets are now on sale and can be applied for online at

www.tickets.london2012.com.

They are not being allocated on a first come, first served basis, so you can take your time to plan the Olympics experience that you want (and can afford!). You can apply for tickets any time up until 11.59pm on 26th April. The biggest sporting event in the world is coming to our shores next year. I hope that plenty of people from Sedgfield take the opportunity to be a part of it.

Much sooner than all of that, another new sporting event is on the horizon. Steve Cram has teamed up with online travel booking company redspottedhanky.com and Sunderland City Council to launch the Sunderland City 10k run. It will make its debut on 26th June, starting & finishing at the Stadium of Light, with the route taking in locations such as Sunderland Marina, the National Glass Centre and Mowbray Park. Ean Parsons and Scott Hydon from Sedgfield Harriers attended the media launch (below) and hope that the club will be well represented at the run. If you want to have a go yourself, apply for a place at www.sunderlandcity10k.com.



Sedgfield Squash Club

Sedgfield Squash Club's ladies team capped off a remarkable season by winning the Ladies Division 2 of the Durham & Cleveland squash leagues, thus winning promotion to Division 1 for next season. They were undefeated in all 15 matches, scoring a total of 264 points out of a maximum 285 points possible.

In terms of individual performances, Anne Holmes topped the individual ladies points table (both divisions), narrowly beating Sharon Brown, who had led for most of the season, in the last match. Following closely behind were Linda Cummings and Marie Priest in 4th & 5th positions respectively. Congratulations to all concerned for some outstanding performances and especially to captain Sue Smith, who has developed ladies squash at the club over the last few years to a position where the club now fields both a strong, competitive squad and

also a ladies friendly team.

Football

I now have an update from St. Edmund's FC on progress since the turn of the year. The first game of 2011 was at the end of January and saw the end of cup interest for the season, with a 1-0 loss at home to Chester Osborne in the League Cup. This was followed by a 3-1 away defeat at Langley Park in the league; clearly not the start to the year that St. Edmund's had planned. However, results improved with a 3-1 win at Sacriston and a 2-1 home win to Washington J.F.C. The following 2-0 defeat at Pelton was unfortunate as there was little between the sides. The points were then shared in a 1-1 draw at home to Hilda Park and with four games to play it looks like a mid table finish for the side. One reason for the inconsistency in results has been the eight keepers (yes, that's eight!) who have been used this season so far, putting Arsenal's troubles into some perspective.

Sedgfield Harriers

The cross country season is all but over and this winter has brought good progress for the promising crop of budding young champions at Sedgfield Harriers. The club has representatives in all junior age groups from under 20s to under 11s but there is one particular group that is showing exciting signs of success to come – the under 13 girls. This is a strong area for the club and includes athletes who have performed well at the North Eastern, Northern and National championships. The fledgling stars are Hannah Featherstone, Rebecca Mott, Elise Brown, Emily Robertshaw, (pictured), Sadie Able, Megan Hetherington, Ellie Gaines, Heather Denholm, Charlotte Scurr & Kate Carmichael.



Together, they finished 4th in the North Eastern championships, 15th in the Northern (top North East club) & 35th in the National Championships (first North East club).

Most of the girls were running at bottom age which means that they have another year at U13 level and should improve their placings next year. Head coach Scott Hydon commented: "It is an exciting prospect to consider this group coming through to late teens and senior level having run and trained together from an early age. There is some real individual talent in the group and they will certainly go on to win things for Sedgfield as a team and as individuals."

Junior athletes in disciplines other than endurance running, i.e. sprints, throws and jumps have an opportunity to showcase their talents as the track and field season opens soon and the Harriers will be taking strong teams to the Cyril Elliot track and field meeting in Middlesbrough on 3rd April and the Anne Marie Redshaw meeting in Shildon on 17th April. The club have had medal winners at Shildon before and with the North East championships coming along in the late spring, hope to have more.

The senior Harriers had a strong group of runners out at the Dentdale 14 (miles) on Saturday 12th March for their 3rd Grand Prix race of the season. Finishers for the Harriers were Greame Addison, Rosie Warnett, Scott Hydon, Marie Walker, Jonathan Wallace, Jo James, Christine Hearmon and David Walker. The next Grand Prix race is the North Tyneside 10k in April.

The Harriers are staging their popular Neptune Relays in Hardwick Park on Wednesday 20th April at 6.45pm. Last year the event attracted 32 teams from around the region with some very strong competition. The event is open to teams of four, including non-club runners. It is free to enter and each stage is 1.7 miles. More information from Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or see the Harriers web site.

The next Harriers' Hardwick Park time trial, which covers 5k and is open to everyone, is on Saturday 16th April. The time trial starts from the visitor centre and runners can start anytime between 9.00am and 9.30am. All runners are timed.

That's all for this month.

As ever, if you have any sports news please send it to

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or 'tweet' me at

www.twitter.com/chrisjlines

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Volunteers required, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17th April @ 9am

With the ICC Cricket World Cup drawing to a close and the lighter evenings finally upon us it is time to start thinking about the 2011 cricket season. With 2010 being such a successful year both on and off the field, Sedgefield Cricket Club are raring to get going and hopefully make 2011 an even better year.

The club has seen dramatic changes over the past two seasons and to keep the new facilities in top condition and also to get the local community involved in cricket Sedgefield Cricket Club are organising a volunteer weekend to help with painting, gardening and general maintenance.

All volunteers helping out on either (or both) days will receive a free drink for their efforts! For those of you less keen to get your hands dirty, the clubhouse and bar will be open for you to have a drink, try the new Hambleton Ales (the 2011 shirt sponsor) hand pull beer, take a look at the new facilities and watch all the hard work.

To register as a volunteer please contact Nick Hughes on sedgefieldcricket-club@hotmail.co.uk; 07971951132 or visit our website for further information www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub. We look forward to seeing you.

One man, his bike & his dogs go fundraising



You won't be able to help noticing John Phillips, from Fishburn, when he sets off on his fundraising trip to Lanarkshire and back - a distance of over 400 miles. He'll be pulling his two King Charles Cavaliers, Gimli and Joxer, behind him in his Burley Tailwagon (tails wagging?) and spending the nights in his Bicamper (a tent which uses the front bike wheel and the spare tyre of the dog trailer as poles)! Absolute luxury - as you can see below!

John sets off at the beginning of April and has given himself 7 days in which to complete the ride. His route heads up to Berwickshire, along the Tweed to Lanarkshire, down to Moffat then across to Kielder and home via Newcastle.

All this effort is on behalf of St. Catherine's Church in Fishburn, to help them buy a speaker system for the hard of hearing in their congregation.

If anyone would like to help by sponsoring the ride, he would be very grateful if you would email him with your name, address and postcode and how much you would like to give.

If you miss the spectacle as he sets off, maybe you'll can catch a glimpse as he cycles round to pick up the sponsorship donations on his return.

The email address to contact is jjpjjp@sky.com



All about tooth whitening

Dental Health Advice from Chris Edmonds

In the 18th century if you wanted your teeth whitened your local barber would oblige by using acid. It certainly did the job but also corroded the tooth enamel and led to extreme acid erosion!

Thankfully, today's dentists can give you a perfect smile by using modern tooth whitening and other treatments that also protect your dental health and help you to keep your own teeth for life.

Drinking tea, coffee or red wine, smoking and eating strongly coloured foods can all stain and discolour teeth. Toothpastes can help but don't change the actual colour of your teeth which is determined by your DNA. As we age, our dentine becomes more yellow. Demand for tooth whitening has also been influenced by 'celebrity smiles' we see shining at us from magazines and television screens. There are a number of different ways in which teeth can be whitened, at home or in the surgery. Effective whitening treatment carried out under dental supervision and administered at home gives excellent results. Dentists do not advise buying on the Internet, over the counter or from non-dentally qualified persons, as what is on offer may be neither safe nor appropriate treatment. Damage to tooth enamel and increased tooth & gum sensitivity are to be wary of.

Having the supervision of a dentist can ensure that you don't damage your teeth and gums in the process. The degree of whitening is very personal and your dentist will help you select the most appropriate treatment. The results can be fabulous and give you added confidence when you smile. So if you want to achieve a safe brighter and whiter smile consult with your dentist about the range of treatments that he or she can provide.

April Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Cricket Club Quiz Night
Saturday 2nd April Starts 8pm

Eddies@4

Sunday 3rd April - 4pm
Informal service for 2 - 6 year olds
Welcome Room, St Edmund's
Bible story, songs, refreshments
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Residents' Forum

Monday 4th April
7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 5th April
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.30pm
Whickham Community Garden
David Peacock

CeddesFolk Session

Wednesday 6th April
8pm Ceddesfeld Hall

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 6th April
7.15pm, Parish Hall
Les Howe, Jeweller & Silversmith
Members' competition:
an item of silver jewellery
Visitors welcome; fee £2.50

Local History Society

Monday 4th April
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm.
George Nairn
"Northumbrian Coast in old
postcards / History of Pickfords"
All welcome

Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 4th April
Making Jewellery - Two Gills
Monday 18th April
Social Work - Allan Smart

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturdays 9th & 30th April
Eyes down at 7.30pm

Cricket Club - Live Music

Saturday 9th April
7.45pm. Main guest: Paul Tilley.
With George Welch, Keith Morrison
Band & John Wrightson Band.
Admission £9, inc. buffet
Tel 621347

Farmers' Market

Sunday 10th April

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 10th & 24th April
Ceddesfeld Hall at 1pm: all levels
welcome. Contact 01642 588197

Neighbourhood Watch

Panel Meeting

Tuesday 12th April
7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall
ALL Welcome

Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
Tuesday 12th April
Mediaeval Fayre fundraising
No meeting on 26th.

Ukulele Workshop

Friday 15th April
Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
All levels welcome. Call 621729

S'field Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 18th April
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm
"Landgirls & Lovers"
Hazel Stephenson
Contact S. Hall 620367
All Welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 19th April
Parish Hall, 7.30pm
As the Seasons Turn
Lilias Hoskins, National D'strater
All Welcome

Hardwick Park

Sunday 24th April
Easter Eggstravaganza
11am - 3pm. Please call
01740 621505 to book
Child £3, Adult free

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 28th April
7.45pm, Parish Hall.
Durham Heritage Coast
Niall Benson
Contact Steve Ashton 01287
636382 sashton@teeswildlife.org

Sedgefield Library Events

Monday 11th April

Tickle Time: 2.15-3pm

Wednesday 13th April 10-11am

Rhyme Time Easter Party

Wednesday 20th April

Book Circle: 2pm
*Easter Activities include Bridge Building
Workshop. Please contact Library for
more details. Library closed from Friday
22nd - Monday 25th and on
Friday 29th April & Monday 2nd May.*

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

Sedgefield Pop In Club

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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

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Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon
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on 622871

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Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

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... the last word on Grease

Congratulations to the students of Sedgefield Community College who performed their production of Grease. Well done to you all! The principal characters showed exceptional all-round talent, and were supported by some very professional dance routines and foot tapping songs. With such talented young people and what looked like excellent facilities, we have a secondary school the whole community can be proud of.

S J Wilkinson



Superb: Robbie Tinkler & Lily Grundy as Danny and Sandy

Your Letters

Give blood & save lives

Giving blood gives the donor a real sense of satisfaction and a unique feel good factor. Blood donors can help ensure that sufficient blood is available for patients. Each donation is broken into its component parts, but two have short shelf lives. Platelets, which promote blood clotting and are used to treat leukaemia and cancer patients, last just five days. Red cells last a little bit longer - 35 days - and are often transfused to patients suffering from severe anaemia or severe blood loss, so it is vital that new supplies come in regularly. Many patients rely on this generous and kind act. First time donors should be aged between 17- & 65, weigh at least 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and be in general good health. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. To book an appointment visit www.blood.co.uk or call **0300 123 23 23**. The next session in the Parish Hall, Sedgefield is on Monday 2nd May from 2:30-3:45 pm & 4:30-7:00 pm.

Leisure centre closure

Coxhoe District Leisure Centre has been identified as one of 6 to be closed as part of Durham County Council's cuts. It could be demolished by October unless immediate action is taken. A 3 month consultation period has been set up to seek the views of the community. 65,000 visits to the Leisure Centre are recorded each year and closure would affect the health, fitness, quality of life and sociability which come with regular exercise. It is the only purpose built indoor facility in the East Durham Rural Community AAP area, which has much deprivation - poor health particularly respiratory problems, heart and stroke, musco-skeletal, as well as significant issues with childhood obesity. An Action Group has been formed to oppose the closure and a petition has been set up, which is also collecting statistics. These are showing that the Centre is widely used by many participants from Sedgefield. We are determined to keep this important facility open for all. Please complete the Consultation Questionnaire. Hard copies are available from Coxhoe Leisure Centre and we can deliver a supply to Sedgefield if required. It can be submitted online and accessed from the county website: www.durham.gov.uk Barbara Hepplewhite
Coxhoe Community Partnership

Snapshots of Sedgefield

No response yet to our March snapshot of amateur dramatics, but I'm reliably informed by two different sources that the gentleman in the suit in February's snapshot wasn't Lol Hartas, but Harry Newton. He lived in West End and worked in the Manor House as clerk to Sedgefield Borough Council, under R.P. Burton. The gentleman at the front is, indeed, Mr Albert Victor (Vic) Wright, who moved in 1935 to 28 North End from the family home at Sedgefield Station. He lived in Sedgefield all his life until his death in 1990 aged 84. This month's snapshot, from the Local History Society archive, shows the YMCA, possibly during the war, but that's all we know. Can you fill in the details? Where was it, who are the ladies, what went on there, what year might it be? Please call 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. Sedgefield Local History Society meets on the first Monday of the month in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm. New members and visitors are very welcome.



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