

Sedgefield News

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Produced by volunteers for the villagers of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon

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Didn't we have a luvverly time, the day we went to Redcar?



Photographs from 1990's,
courtesy John Bell

Every year in early July, Sedgefield village would empty of senior citizens, when dozens of them hopped onto coaches and went off for fun-filled afternoon in Redcar. Wilkinson's Coaches of North End Garage ran the Old Folk's Trip for many years. When the trips started they would go to many different destinations. One of the last trips they provided was to Flamingo Land.

When Wilkinsons closed down in the 1950s, Sedgefield Darts and Dominoes League took up the baton to ensure that the trips continued. Its members raised money around the village pubs by running raffles, and by the losers in the league paying half a crown for the privilege.

In recent years this fund has also been supported by the Sedgefield Charities, an anonymous gent's kind donations and by bequests.

Linda Maddison gave five hundred pounds from her Charity Fund when she was mayor of Sedgefield. Some years as many as five coaches travelled in convoy to Redcar. Day-trippers were treated to a trip to the coast and money for an afternoon tea.

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Sedgefield has spoken - and it's the Parish Hall

The results of the recent referendum regarding the Community facilities in Sedgefield were announced on Monday 17th July at a meeting of the Town Council. The winner was Option 1: A refurbishment to the existing Parish hall, with 53% of the vote, followed by Option 2: A complete rebuild of the Hall on the existing site, with 43%. Over 50% of the electorate voted.

There were some difficulties with the referendum, which was undertaken by the Electoral Reform Society. Some residents did not receive ballot papers and others questioned the overall process. The Electoral Reform Services have issued a statement in response which is on the Council's web-site and notice board.

How the vote worked in detail

A count of the first choice votes resulted in:

Option 1 - Refurbishment of the Parish Hall	756	43%
Option 2 - Complete Rebuild of the Parish Hall	685	39%
Option 3 - Extending Ceddesfeld Hall	170	10%
Option 4 - None of the Above	147	8%

According to the rules of the single transferable vote system, Options 3 and 4 were then eliminated and the final result was determined by adding the second choice votes to the first choice count.

The Mayor of Sedgefield, Cllr Dudley Waters was delighted that so many people had voted, while Town Clerk, Lesley Swinbank commented "The issues surrounding the Parish Hall have been ongoing over several years. Now that we have a clear mandate on what our residents want - let's hope we can put everything behind us and move forwards and make progress in providing a much improved community facility for the benefit of all of our community."



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The Bookworm

A reader recommends...

ANGELS & DEMONS

by Dan Brown

Let the Da Vinci Code create as much fuss as you like - this book is a much better read even than that was. The same central character, Robert Langdon, leads the hunt, this time in Rome.

At the start, a scientist who is working on subatomic particle research at the CERN headquarters in Geneva, is brutally murdered and branded; at the same time the conclave is opened in the Vatican to elect a new pope, but the four most likely contenders are abducted and are threatened with death, one each hour, also with brands on their chest.

I'll spill no more beans. The book is a real page-turner, fast-moving, vivid, brilliant. The way both science and religion are caught up into the plot is very engaging. This is one meaty thriller, which maintains the suspense to the very end. *MQK*

To share your idea of a good read, email your review to

snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk

or write to **Sedgefield News,
58 Front St, Sedgefield,
TS21 2AQ**

... the (last) day we went to Redcar

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In the thirty-seven years that Griersons have provided the transport, Billy Cooper (the chairman of the Darts and Dominoes League) can only remember the coaches breaking down a couple of times, and everyone still got there in time for an ice-cream and a walk on the front.

Recently, the destination has been Redcar every year; when other destinations were suggested, people still thought that Redcar was ideal, providing as it does good shopping and the attractions of the sea-side. But the Darts and Dominoes League has now folded. As no-one was willing to organise the funding any more, it seems this year's trip will be the last one. One hundred and fifty people received the sad news from Mr Cooper when they boarded the three coaches.

Chairman Billy Cooper thanks treasurer Keith Arms and secretary Audrey Swinbank for their work; thanks also to the post office and everyone else who helped over the years. So all that's left are happy memories of sunny outings to the sea-side and a little bit of sand between the toes!

But must that be the end of it?

Sedgefield Development Trust thinks this tradition deserves to **continue**, so the trustees have decided to call a meeting of like-minded organisations and local businesses to discuss the fundraising possibilities. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Trust via email: sdt@sedgefieldweb.co.uk or call 01740 629011 and leave a message on the answerphone.

Cooks' Corner

Rhubarb, Raspberry & Redcurrant Jam

1½ lb prepared rhubarb,
1lb raspberries
1½ lb redcurrants
Sugar
Juice of 1 lemon

Leave the prepared rhubarb, 1½ lb sugar and lemon juice to stand overnight in a bowl.

Heat the raspberries and redcurrants until the juices run and then sieve to remove pips.

Weigh the resultant pulp. In a jam pan add the pulp and its weight in sugar to the rhubarb and sugar in the bowl. Boil to setting point (about 20 minutes)

Produces approximately 5 jars of jam - not cheap but very tasty!

from **"What's for Tea Tonight"** - a collection of favourite recipes from Sedgefield Primary School. To buy a copy, please contact Alison Etheridge on **622839**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch



Rogue Door Callers appear to be making increased calls in our neighbourhood. The last two reported incidents (Wheatley Hill & Trimdon Grange) involved 1) selling clothes of poor quality at inflated prices & 2) simply asking for a drink – gaining entrance and a second person carrying out a theft whilst owner distracted.

A white unmarked Fish Van has been operating in the Durham area selling "pensioner's packs" of fresh fish; the fish is frozen, of dubious origin and well over priced – Trading Standards, the Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone to not buy at the door. It is usually a costly exercise and gives the dishonest their opportunity to con honest folk out of their cash at best or actually steal from them at worst.

Walk in Theft: this happened to two unlucky residents in the Village on 5th July even whilst the residents were present – how frightening must this have been? Police Crime Prevention continually stress the need to keep doors locked or secure even when you are in the house especially during the fine weather when you might be in & out of the garden; opportunist thieves do operate in our area, in fact some even bus in to steal from our local stores!

N/H/Watch advice is **KEEP THE DOOR CHAIN OR DOOR BAR ON AT ALL TIMES WHEN ANSWERING THE DOOR - IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT.**

Door bars are still available, now from Community Warden, Tim Spearey.

Tapes for the Blind We wish to record a big thank you to councillor David Brown for his generous monetary donation last month which enabled us to procure the necessary new tapes to help keep this (monthly) project going.

Telephone Numbers:

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield - 623654 or via Chilton Control Room - 01388 721351

To contact our Local Police to report any concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police, telephone 0845 6060365 (*NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no*)

Crime Prevention Officer Neil Langthorne and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Sarah Norman, for advice / assistance, phone 01388 742755

Domestic Abuse: help for children affected

National statistics identify that in 90% of incidents of domestic violence a child or children are present or in an adjacent room. Now specialist emotional support for children who have witnessed domestic abuse is now being provided in Sedgefield borough and supported by Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership.

The children will be supported through play therapy and encouraged to express and explore their emotions to help them understand their experiences. Some children are left frightened of loud noises; others lack trust in men. They may regress or turn to self-harm, drink or drugs. The scheme hopes to help them cope with the situation better.

For further information on the service or to speak to someone about domestic violence in confidence call 01325 317903 (office hrs) or 0191 5863055 (24 hrs)



Left:
Therapist
Angela
Blakey
in the
special
childrens'
area

PC Todd reports

This month I would like to focus on a burglary which took place recently and what precautions we can take to prevent us becoming a target.

I seems that a male had been loitering around the duck pond, like any predator, watching and waiting to strike. His target was any of the many houses or bungalows where the owners had taken advantage of the warm weather and left open the door into the garden for fresh air.

Quick as a flash he was into the house, found the handbag and moments later was leaving with the cash from the purse inside.

On this occasion he tried to take the handbag with him but was disturbed by the shocked householder. He calmly handed back the bag and made his escape! Please make sure you don't suffer the same fate. Enjoy your back garden but close and lock the door when you go inside, and don't leave valuables on show.

Recently we have received complaints about youths throwing stones at passing vehicles - not only stupid but dangerous. A number of arrests have been made and they are currently helping the police with their enquiries.

Until next time,
Keith

Crime report mid June-Mid July

2 Burglary
3 Theft
9 Criminal Damage

New Community Safety Newsletter

Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership has published the first of its new bi-annual newsletters, outlining its actions and policy on issues affecting public safety. It aims to give an insight into the work the partnership is doing within Sedgefield Borough and to raise public awareness of the partnership.

The newsletter has sections on Substance Misuse, Domestic Violence, Street-safe Action and Crime Reduction.

You can read it the newsletter online at www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk or ask for a copy by contacting Sean Barry, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Coordinator, at Sedgefield Borough Council Tel 01388 816166 Ext 8827

Jottings from Sedgefield Village Residents' Forum

Another interesting meeting - Mr Charlie Walton Head of Planning and Technical Services at Sedgefield Borough Council gave some interesting insights into the planning process and procedures placed on Sedgefield Village. Several concerns were expressed and recorded with the Borough.

Concern was expressed at the meeting regarding the state of the newly surfaced paths in Ceddesfeld grounds – we have been informed that the contractors have been asked to do remedial work. We are also told that the lighting should soon be in place. A request has been made for the publication of the spend of the £50,000 of 'Peoples Millions' money awarded for the work in Ceddesfeld grounds

As usual detail on the meeting can be found in the Minutes available from the Town Council, in the Library and on the village web sites.

By the time we read this the results of the referendum will be known and it is hoped that co-ordinated and agreed action can be progressed. It was anticipated that a formal referendum on the issue would ensure the whole process was seen to be fair and transparent. It has, however, proved to be controversial - the outcome and review will be very interesting and will surely be raised at the next Forum meeting!!!

The next meeting will be held on September 25th and the AGM on November 27th. (all at 7pm in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall). Everyone is welcome, and we welcome all input – you don't have to have any particular issue just an interest in our community.

The Local Improvement Programme

This is a grant programme run by Sedgefield Borough Council to tackle the issues facing the Borough as outlined in the Community Strategy whilst conforming to Government criteria.

Over this and the next two years £532,000 has been allocated to projects in Area 3 (the Rural East!) of the Borough (this includes Sedgefield, Bradbury and Mordon as well as Fishburn and the Trimdons).

The money will be allocated by SBC to projects which improve individual sites and buildings and improve the usability and access to buildings and community facilities and are supported by their communities.

At the Area 3 Forum meeting held on 5th July support was given to the first projects to apply, both were from Trimdon Colliery. They were worthy projects and were supported. In addition a list was provided for the meeting showing which projects had been notified to SBC's officers as likely to come forward in future months. These included projects in Trimdon Village as well as Sedgefield Cricket Club and at Ceddesfeld Hall (from the SCA).

Apparently no-one has thought to inform the Borough of all the work done towards replacing the Parish Hall (with whatever the referendum comes up with). Another problem is that those communities that are working together are getting on, agreeing their priorities and putting them forward. Is Sedgefield to miss out on this rare opportunity for funding because we have only spent 8 to 10 years arguing about replacing the Parish Hall – our highest priority in the Community Appraisal in 2002?

Sedgefield Development Trust, with the support of the Residents' Forum, has therefore notified the Borough Council of this Community's aspiration to replace the Parish Hall and asked them to expect an application for that to the LIP.

SDT and the Resident's Forum are not against development at the Cricket Club or much needed work at Ceddesfeld Hall, but believes that any LIP money coming to this community should go to the community's priorities. We also feel that the importance of this opportunity is not widely understood. So with the Residents' Forum, SDT has agreed to arrange a public meeting with officers of SBC in attendance to explain and answer your questions about the LIP.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 7th September in the Parish Hall – just before the next Area 3 Forum meeting, on September 13th in Mordon Village Hall, so put the dates in your diary and look out for more information in September's Sedgefield News.

Successful care homes service to expand hours

A new health care service for residents of nursing and residential homes in Sedgefield Borough is set to expand thanks to its success.

The Emergency Care Practitioner (ECP) Care Home Service set up by Sedgefield Primary Care Trust (PCT) in June 2005, has carried out over 500 consultations with residents of care homes during its first 12 months.

The service is run by health care professionals drawn from nursing and paramedic backgrounds. After undergoing further training, Emergency Care Practitioners are able to diagnose and treat a wide range of conditions.

Visiting patients in their care homes has resulted in fewer calls for emergency ambulance services and GP visits, as well as reducing the number of admissions to hospital, so from July 17th the service extended its opening hours to provide full day time cover from 9.30 am until 9.30 pm, seven days a week.

The ECPs also work in the Urgent Care Centre in Bishop Auckland carrying out a telephone assessment service. As a result, callers are able to receive advice and assistance without having to make a journey to the centre.

Get your lollipops here!

Durham County Council is seeking to appoint a lollipop man or woman the road near Sedgefield Primary School. The post has been vacant for more than a year.

Applicants should have good hearing and sight, be punctual and be willing to work in all weathers. There is a weekly wage of £34.63 and full training and uniform will be provided. Hours are 8.25am to 9.05am and 3.10pm to 4pm.

Those interested should contact 0191 383 3925 for further details or an application form.

Be prepared - a hint from the Primary Care Trust.

While avian flu has not arrived it is considered likely to do so sooner or later, and though we don't wish to cause panic we have heard some simple useful advice from the PCT. Each household should try to have paracetamol (to ease symptoms) and a clinical thermometer (to help be sure of the need for professional help). Simple, practical advice!

Sedgefield Harriers Juniors

Following sessions delivered at *Hardwick and Rectory Row Primary Schools* back in June, Sedgefield Harriers Junior Section has been up and running for two months and is regularly attended by 12 children taking part in training activities across the broad spectrum of athletics.

Two under 13s, Andrew Lawson and Chris Lowe, recently became the first Juniors to represent the Club in the recent *North Yorkshire South Durham (NYSD) Track and Field League*, Shildon. Both competed with distinction against boys a year older than them in the U13 200m and 1000m.

Andrew completed a swift 200m breaking the 30 second barrier on a blustery day with a time of 29.9 seconds, finishing second by only 0.1 of a second. Andrew supplemented this performance with a solid 1000m run crossing the line in 6th position in a time of 3:36.1. Meanwhile, Chris was involved in a titanic battle in his 200m race, just losing out on the silver medal when finishing third in 34.4 seconds. Chris then went on to produce a solid performance in the 1000m setting a personal best time of 4:04.5.

Sedgefield Harriers Juniors train every Wednesday evening between 6:30pm and 7:30pm at *Sedgefield Community College*. Children of all abilities between the ages of 8 and 16 years old are welcome. For further information about the Sedgefield Harriers Juniors contact Scott Hydon on 01740 620251, 07790 418188 or scotthydon@yahoo.com and to find out more about the club visit sedgefieldharriers.com

London 2012 in NE England

It may still be six years away but this region is already striving to seize the maximum benefits from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games - the biggest sporting event ever to be staged in Britain. On 21st July, a special UK-wide travelling 2012 Games roadshow visited the North East. It took the form of a specially branded London double-decker bus - hosting VIPs such as Prime Minister Tony Blair, Minister for Sport Richard Caborn and Olympic triple jump champion

Jonathan Edwards - and called at Darlington, Sunderland and Newcastle to taste the region's enthusiasm for the Games. The roadshow was designed to inform local people about preparations for 2012, what the Games can mean for them and how they can get involved. Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, commented: "We hope this roadshow will help people to appreciate just how inspirational the Games can be and the relevance they can have for them and their local communities."

Judith Rasmussen, regional director for Sport England North East, added: "The roadshow should put sport high on the agenda and will encourage people - young and old - to get involved in the run-up to the 2012 Games and start incorporating physical activity into their own lives."

"We are very proud of the number of exceptional athletes representing the North East in sport, many of whom are already training and pursuing an Olympic dream and the road show recognises their contribution to promoting health and fitness in the region."

It's great that the roadshow visited our part of the world and that we heard positive noises from all involved about the opportunities for the people and businesses of North East England to get involved in and benefit from the London 2012 Games. However, it's now up to the region to grasp those chances

and make sure that this part of the country does derive real benefits from an event that will in the most part be taking place about 250 miles away.

Construction firms are already lining themselves up to bid for building contracts at the main site and we have facilities in this region that could host various teams' preparation and training camps. And of course, St James' Park has already been designated as a probable venue for football during the 2012 Games. But none of this is 'in the bag' and so a regional Olympic Forum has been set up to ensure that the North East secures as many benefits as possible from the Games.

Most important of all, the 2012 Games provides the perfect opportunity for communities across the country to make the mantra of taking part in regular physical activity a natural one for the nation's children, inspired by the Olympic ideal. To my mind, that is the real opportunity that London 2012 brings for everyone and is the one legacy it must leave.

That's it for this month - please send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

P.S. Yes, I know I promised a cricket update this time. I have made some progress on that front and there will be a 'cricket special' next month, including news of a great cup run by Sedgefield Cricket Club.



Sedgefield Walking Group enjoying the view at the spectacular Causey Arch during their June walk

1st Sedgefield Scouts 40th Birthday

As reported in previous issues of Sedgefield News, this year sees 1st Sedgefield Scout Group's 40th birthday. On Saturday 1st July, the group held a celebration barbecue and camp fire and a great night was had by all. Loads of former Cubs, Scouts and leaders from far and wide joined those currently involved in the group for a very enjoyable evening.

Just as the rest of England was coming to terms with its football team's departure from the World Cup, 1st Sedgefield Scout Group's birthday party was starting to warm up. The great food (thanks are due to everyone who helped out on the night) was followed by a traditional camp fire, with Scout songs from over the decades belted out long into the evening. The singing was more than ably led by John Stokell, while the fire itself was built expertly by Paul Unsworth. John and Paul were among a number of current and former leaders and helpers who together ensured that the event was a great success.

For those currently involved in 1st Sedgefield Scouts, the barbecue was an insight into how previous generations enjoyed their Scouting, while for those from the past who came along, this was a great trip down memory lane and a chance to catch up with old friends. There were so many names from the past on hand that it's impossible to mention everyone, but it was great to see founder members such as Geoff Hopper and numerous other characters from the last 40 years, including Ian Cliffe and his son Stephen who travelled all the way from the south coast for the event.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the Group's current leaders who made it all happen. A particularly big 'hats off' goes to Gary Hetherington who was the real driving force behind the whole weekend, which, as well as the barbecue, included a camp for the current Scouts and Cubs. Anyone who knows Gary will be aware that he rarely sits still, so it's no surprise that he's already planning a follow up event for next year, to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island. Watch this space for developments on that front.

Finally, huge thanks on behalf of the Group to the hosts for the evening – Roy and Jan Johnson and family at Heley House Farm.



Roses grow on you!

How are your roses looking this year? Do you grow pot plants or enjoy flower arranging? Well why not enter Sedgefield & District Rose Society's Annual Show?

It's to be held this year on **Sat 16th and Sunday 17th September, in The Golden Lion.**

But it's not only roses that we're interested in – as well as roses of all types and sizes, there are classes for dahlias, chrysanthemums, annuals, fuchsias, pelargoniums and other pot plants.

There are also a range of floral art classes and special classes for children, such as the 'Miniature Garden' competition for under 11s and 11-16s.

Sedgefield and District Rose Society has been around for many years, and can trace its origins back to at least 1919, when it was given the prestigious 'Harkness Cup' by the firm of 'Harkness Roses'. Each year the society awards the cup for best exhibit in HT Roses, as well as a host of other trophies and shields collected over the years.

You can join the Society (for £1) on the day of the show and still enter this year. You don't have to live in Sedgefield either, as the society is keen to recruit members from all the surrounding villages.

So keep on top of the greenfly and black spot, feed and pamper those plants throughout the summer, then enter our show, which is also open to visitors on both days.

Schedules can be obtained from Ian Spring on 621196 or Sue Hannan on 629549. You can also pick one up from the horticultural tent at this year's Sedgefield Agricultural Show. See our page on the Sedgefield community website - www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/rose_show for more details.

Good Gardening and we look forward to seeing you in September!



Farmers' Market enjoyed by stallholders & shoppers alike

Another enjoyable day's trading took place on Sunday 9th July. The lovely village green provided, as always, the perfect setting for a market that attracts both traders and customers from far and wide.

Duane Patterson who sells fresh fish at Sedgefield comes down from Eyemouth; en route this month a puncture meant that Duane had to arrange to leave his trailer at Alnwick. Undeterred, Duane arrived on time as usual and was able to use a chilled table top display from which to sell his excellent range of fish and shellfish. Sedgefield stallholders are committed to bringing the best to their customers who in turn appreciate the high standards of produce on offer.

Customers from around our region and visiting from further afield are bowled over by the wide variety of stalls and the excellence of the produce available. One customer e mailed recently to say she had just fallen in love with Sedgefield village and was delighted with the Farmers' Market, the friendliness, good humour and chance to stroll and relax whilst buying was just what she wanted after a hectic week.

You will find butchers, bakers, poultry, game, vegetables, special soups, farm produced cheese, preserves, nursery plants, French crêpes ready to eat, croissants, hot and cold drinks, home-made fudge, wine ... and more! See you at Sedgefield Farmers' Market next month - August 13th.

Joan Crawford, Pickled Pink Preserves

But has the recent move across the Green affected business?

In June and July the Farmer's Market was moved to the Rectory Row side of the green. According to some stallholders the number of shoppers was noticeably reduced, so why did it happen?

However, a more pressing question is why the Continental Market was cancelled at the last minute. The Town Council was informed via an answerphone message that the staff found on the morning of the Market.

Sedgefield News will hope to bring you the reason in its September issue.

Homemade Cakes by Joanne Martin

Everyday cakes like you would make at home - if only you had the time!

Need a chocolate cake for the office elevenses or some gingerbread for the lunchbox?

Free delivery service now available in the Sedgefield area at a time to suit you.

Please 'phone me for a price list on 01740 629716 - no order too small!

Diamond couple Wilf & Jeannette celebrate 60 years of marriage



Below -

A Diamond gift to the community

Dr Peter Jones accepts the nebuliser donated by Mr and Mrs J. Amlin, who decided on this gift as a way of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Doctors and staff at Sedgefield Surgery are most grateful to the couple for their generosity and send their thanks and congratulations.



Congratulations also ...

... to Dr Keith Beveridge and his wife June. The popular GP's many ex-patients will be happy to learn that the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 30th.

It is often said that one picture is worth a hundred words, and Wilf & Jeannette Garbutt's photo most certainly demonstrates the truth of this. After 60 years of marriage they are a couple that are still smiling and still very much in love, facts so many people in Sedgefield know already. So it was only of surprise to Wilf and Jeannette that they received so many beautiful cards, flowers, gifts and kind wishes from so many friends, the Town Council, the Borough Council as well as family and of course a signed card from HRH Queen Elizabeth.

When representatives of the Town and Borough Councils called adding to the friends and family, their home in Cherry Tree Drive was full to bursting; Jeannette couldn't believe so many people would take the time and trouble to acknowledge their happy achievement but to take time out to visit in person was a complete but very much appreciated surprise.

Married life started in France with two ceremonies being required, Wilf informs us; the first required a formal visit to the Mayor on 22nd of May 1946 to gain his authority to marry the next day 23rd of May in the village church of Ennetierre (situated near Lille). The day was and still is very special to Jeannette, although a modest affair she was attended by her family headed by her dear Maman, Marie Louise Logeais. Of course Wilf was unable to have any family present. Their honeymoon, as for so many post war couples, was helping out at the restaurant and work as normal, a script for the future! By the end of June 1946 Jeannette & Wilf were setting up home together in Sedgefield where they have remained, working together and taking a positive and active part in all aspects of village life.

Wilf & Jeannette have participated in many organisations in the village over the years they are always keen to help, and to see Sedgefield keep its village atmosphere whilst developing and improving for the benefit of residents. Presently they are active in supporting Neighbourhood Watch group and the Pop-In Club, and it was at the Pop-In that they enjoyed sharing their "Diamond" cake and final celebrations with valued friends on such a special day.

Wilf and Jeannette wish to convey their most sincere gratitude to everyone who was so kind in turning a very special anniversary into a life-long memorable one.

August Diary

**Announcements in the Diary are free
to non-commercial organisations**

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 1st August

Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45
Cash Prizes, Bar open
Everyone welcome

Sedgefield W.I.

Wednesday 2nd August

7.15pm Parish Hall

Why Organic? (Dairy Farming)

with Gordon Tweddle

Members' competition -

Recipe using organic ingredients

Visitors welcome

Kite Festival/Family Fun Day

Sunday 6th August, 11am - 4pm

Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

Funfair, craft stalls and displays

Sedgefield Neighbourhood

Watch & Crimewatch Panel

Tuesday 8th August at 7pm

in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

153rd Annual

Sedgefield Show

Saturday 12th August

Robert Brown Showfield

West Park Lane

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 13th August

9.30am - 1.30pm

on the Village Green

Wynyard Planetarium

Sunday 13th August 3pm

Wonders of the Universe

Sunday 27th August 3pm

Secrets of the Sun

Adults £3.50, Children £2

Family ticket £7

Family History Group

(A branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 21st August

at Sedgefield Library

(Venue & time changed for this
meeting only)

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"Queries and Problems"

A chance for you to bring along
your own family history research;
perhaps we can help you track
down those elusive ancestors

Sedgefield Open Gardens

Sunday 27th August

2 - 5 pm

Delicious Cream Teas

(At Ceddesfeld Hall)

Anyone willing to open their garden
please contact Sedgefield in Bloom
(Sue 629549 or Maxine 620042)

101 Gigs in August

04 - The Normanby, Normanby

18 - Garricks Head, North Shields

19 - Washington Football Club

23 - The Lord Nelson, Stockton

24 - The Clarendon, Redcar

25 - Miners Arms, Morley, Leeds

(Wow, we're on tour!)

26 - Penny Black, Hartburn

(back to reality!)

27 - The Vic, Saltburn

28 - Wedding, Durham Castle

Country Market

Fridays in the Parish Hall

Great value home baking, eggs,
garden produce and crafts

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

St Edmund's Church

Baptisms & Weddings can be
booked in Church on Thursday
evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm

Not meeting in August:

Sedgefield Garden Society

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

The Local History Society

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Residents' Forum

Next Month ...

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 2nd September

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 5th September

Slugs and Snails

Talk and slides by

Dianne Nichol-Brown

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30 pm

All welcome

'Trimdon Comes to

Sedgefield' Folk Festival

Friday and Saturday

8th & 9th September

Concerts in Ceddesfeld Hall and

Hope Inn Rafters Bar

Spoons Championship

Tickets for concerts £8 from
Town Council Office

Residents' Forum

Monday 25th September

August - silly season or wicked month?

Traditionally the time of year when
we take to the beaches and the
press takes leave of its senses,
August can be a time when news is
hard to come by!

You can judge for yourselves if it
has impacted on Sedgefield News,
but in the meantime,
a couple of facts ...

... the naming of August seems
somewhat haphazard. It is said
that in sorting out the calendar,
the Emperor Octavian took a day
from Februarius and added it to
Sextilis, which was then renamed
Augustus, an honorary title that
had been bestowed upon him.

August 1st is 'Lammas' Day which
corresponds to the Hebrew Festival
of Weeks when a sheaf of the first
of the barley harvest was offered
to God (Leviticus 23). The word
Lammas first appears in the
writings of King Alfred and is
derived from the conjunction of
"Loaf" and "Mass". Communion
was celebrated using bread taken
from the first cut of the harvest.

'August is a Wicked Month' was
coined by Edna O'Brien as the title
of her provocative 1965 novel.

*If you know anything interesting
about September, let us know at
snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk*

At Sedgefield Library in August

Children's Craft Sessions

Tuesdays 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th August and Thursdays 3rd, 10th & 17th

Workshops & Entertainers

Friday 4th August - Balloon Workshop

Tuesday 8th - Country Dance Workshop

Thursday 24th - Illustrators Workshop

All sessions start at 10am and require a £1 booking fee.

Book Circle - Wednesday 16th (*Rhyme Time will be back in September*)

Summer Reading Scheme -see feature on page 2

Photography Competition - please contact the Library on
01740 620103 for further details.

Redcar trips appreciated

For many, many years the Senior Citizens of Sedgefield have been able to enjoy a free outing in the summer, and given "pocket money" to spend as well, thanks to the generosity of so many organisations and individuals. Unfortunately the Darts and Dominoes league, which was the mainstay in funding the trip, has now disbanded, and it has been decided that this year has to be the final year for the Senior Citizens' excursion.

We have been privileged over the past 3 years to help to steward these trips, and I am sure that I speak for all Sedgefield's Senior Citizens when I say a very big thank you to Billy and Edith Cooper for all their hard work and dedication, together with their Secretary, Audrey Swinbank and many others who have helped over many years.

So, Billy and Edith, on behalf of the whole village, our very sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Linda and John Maddison

I believe I write to represent all our senior citizens who have enjoyed the annual half-day trip to Redcar for many years.

2005 could have been the final trip but evidently some kind benefactors came forward to provide sufficient money to treat the older generation for one last time on 5th July last.

Please place on record the most grateful thanks to all of those who participated in the organisation and funding of these memorable outings, which have been very much appreciated.

They did us proud.

Ann Blakey

Calling ex teacher...

I am trying to track down Nigel Coulson, who was mentioned in an article about a band called Round the Back, George (?). He's my old history teacher from Monkwearmouth in Sunderland. My name was Kim Brown at school. Really appreciate it if anyone can help.

Kim Hartshorne.

Sedgefield News will pass on any information via email to Kim. Ed



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Your Letters

Town Council Referendum Information Sheet

Am I alone in being completely mystified by the Town Council's costs analysis enclosed with the voting papers supplied by the ERS? If one accepts the figures for Option 1 that a 2.8% rise in D Band Council Tax revenue would generate £80,000 then it follows that £500,000 would require a 17.4% increase and £1m would need a 34.9% increase. These calculations match those in the information supplied.

When the same formula is applied to Option 3 the range of increase in Council Tax is 14% - 21%.

So, which magic formula was applied to result in the Option 3 figure whereby £600,000 would be generated by a 10.5% increase in Tax?

The formula applied to Option £ seems to be "think of a number and halve it"! Why wasn't the same formula applied to Options 1 & 2?

Heather Medcalf

North East Social Enterprise Partnership

Here at the North East Social Enterprise Partnership we're looking at all ways in which we can further social enterprise in the North East.

We would really appreciate it if the readers of Sedgefield News could take a few moments to complete a quick survey of all social entrepreneurs in the region. Anything you would like to contribute to the dialogue is greatly appreciated.

There is a prize draw for all responders, with a box of Fairtrade goodies to be won.

Please contact us at <http://www.nesep.co.uk>

Stacey Donaldson

Thanks from the abseil adventurer

Robert Young thoroughly enjoyed the abseil down the church tower. This is the second year he has participated and obtained sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who supported him in this venture.

Jane Young

Happy Birthday Ted!

There were huge birthday celebrations at Sedgefield Library on Wednesday 12th July when Ted the Teddy Bear held a fancy dress party in honour of his 3rd birthday! Ted invited all his 'rhyme time' friends to spend the morning with him, singing songs, playing party games and eating cake!

There were birthday cards and good wishes from celebrities such as Spot the Dog, Postman Pat, Kipper and Winnie the Pooh.

Local children, many dressed up in superb fancy dress costumes, really entered into the fun of it all and parents and carers seemed to have a good time too. The party marked the end of a great year of 'rhyme time' events. Rhyme Time takes a brief holiday over the summer period but will be back again, with regular Wednesday sessions, in September.

Library staff have been delighted with the support they have received from everyone and would like to wish all the children a very happy summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Meanwhile watch out for summer craft activities and workshops in the Library – suitable for children of all ages (check library for details).



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