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# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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Follow us on twitter [@sedgefieldnews](https://twitter.com/sedgefieldnews) The deadline for the September edition is **Friday 15th August**

### Community energy scheme goes **LIVE!**

You can register your interest from August 5th to 13th October, on the website [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/energyswitch](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/energyswitch) or at a local drop-in where we will have computers online and volunteers on hand to give you all the help you need.



## SEDGEFIELD ENERGY SWITCH

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### Sedgefield Energy Switch drop-in help sessions

**Tuesday 5th August:** 2 - 4pm & 6 - 7.30pm at Sedgefield Council Offices

**Saturday 9th August:** 10am - late afternoon at Sedgefield Show

**Tuesday 12th August:** 2 - 4pm & 6 - 7.30pm at Fishburn Community Centre

**Tuesday 19th August:** 2 - 4pm & 6 - 7.30pm at Mordon Village Hall

**Please bring your electricity and gas bills for the last 12 months.**

Look out for additional events, which we will organise if there is demand.

As has been explained in previous articles, registering for the energy switch commits you to absolutely nothing. There is a tendering process and when the offer comes through, you can then choose to take it up for a year, if you think it is worth it. So go to [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/energyswitch](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/energyswitch) or, if you would like us to take you through the process at a drop-in session (don't forget your energy bills!) we look forward to seeing you there.

### Support your Local Show on Saturday 9th August

**There's so much more to see and do at the 161<sup>st</sup> Sedgefield Show**

This year's show is attracting a lot of interest and a record number of trade stands and entries, not to mention crowds, are anticipated. Gates open at 10am, car parking is free and the popular food hall will offer a vast range of local and regional delicacies. There's live music from the Trimdon Concert Brass Band and some lovely craft stalls for unusual presents.

There's a huge range of attractions and activities for all ages, as well as the full range of competitions and displays. The cattle, sheep and dairy goat classes make a return this year, along with the heavy horse category. There are classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, classic motor cycles, small livestock, and musical horse riding performed by the pony club. The dog show returns, with a dog agility competition. New this year, bring your pet dog and enter the Novelty Dog Show - waggiest tail, longest ears, cutest puppy... you get the picture!

In the information marquee you can see demonstrations and pick up information. Sainsbury's will be in attendance with a variety of activities including the children's trail for the younger visitor. Competition marquees open at 12 noon and there you can view prize vegetables, home and farm produce, along with outstanding floral arrangements and crafts. A large number of trade stands are also expected, Police Crime prevention Team, County Durham Fire & Rescue as well as local and national charities. For family fun, Turner's Funfair will be present, along with the latest concept for kids' party fun, Go-Kart Party. Chairman Ian Mason and the Show Committee would like to thank the many supporters whose commitment sustains a unique event like Sedgefield Agricultural Show, where local people, industries and traditions are brought together in a wonderful, age-old way.



*Emily Reid, winner of the Taste & See Bake Off. Story page 3*

## Progress report

### The Sedgefield Plan

Since the last report to the community we have made excellent progress on a plan to manage the development and growth of our community to 2030 so that the essential character of Sedgefield is not compromised by rapacious development. The steering group recognise that Sedgefield is a 'small town with a village at its heart' and it is clear from all the research and surveys carried out, that the community wants it to retain that characteristic, so we are developing policies to reflect those views. My colleagues and I have met almost all developers who have ambitions to build here and have made it clear that we will not support any proposal. However, we have pointed out that in the recent site preference survey the community overwhelmingly selected brown field sites as preferred options, notably the Old Community Hospital, Filmco/Pactiv and the school sites.

We have also met with the head of planning and assets at Durham County Council who has been helpful in providing reassurance that when the DCC local Plan is approved by the inspector in September then Sedgefield's allocation of 450 houses to 2030 will not be exceeded. We of course pointed out that the community reluctantly agreed to no more than 300 houses when DCC consulted a couple of years ago. We also raised the vexed issue of the re-routing of Stockton Road which he agreed to look at again.

We have met with the management of NetPark who have confirmed the intention to develop Phases 2 and 3 which will expand the site to include the land adjacent to the large lay-by on the A177. However public funds are constrained and progress will not be rapid but the ambition is to create over 2000 much needed jobs there over the next few years.

We are well into the writing of the plan and hope to have a 'Consultation Draft' ready for the end of this month, when we propose to hold a public meeting at which we will present the plan to the community. Watch the notice boards and papers for an announcement.

Please have a look at the web site [www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk](http://www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk) - it is full of useful information - or get in touch with us via the town council offices.

## Sedgefield in Bloom

Dozens of green-fingered enthusiasts enjoyed Sedgefield in Bloom's recent Gardeners' Question Time in the Parish Hall. The three RHS experts dealt with all sorts of problems, ranging from white fly, mildew and saw fly caterpillars to moles, slugs and pear trees refusing to fruit. They recommended varieties of rose, hedging and scented plants for an office and there was a great deal of humour in amongst the serious stuff, all helped along with the odd glass of wine.

Britain in Bloom judges visit on Monday 4th August, following Northumbria judging in July. The results are not announced till September and October, so fingers crossed till then!

*Audience and panel at Gardeners' Question Time*



## Plant Quiz

It's not too late to take part in the Sedgefield in Bloom Plant Quiz, a series of clues, many cryptic, leading to the common names of 50 garden plants or flowers. Pop in to the council office for your copy, just £1 (for Bloom funds) and you could win £25 worth of garden vouchers. But don't delay! Answers must be in by August 16th.

## Calling all ex-pupils of Sedgefield Primary School

As the school is 105 years old we would like to start an archive of photographs and memorabilia covering its history. We know that there are lots of ex-pupils still living in the village, who will have in their possession photographs, anecdotes and other mementos of their time at school. There are present pupils whose parents and grandparents were also pupils at the school and this continuity is something the school is justly proud of.

If you have any memorabilia that you would be prepared to loan us, please contact the school; e-mail [sedgefield.primary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:sedgefield.primary@durhamlearning.net) or call 01740620359. We will photograph or copy any documents and return them to you as soon as possible. An Open Day is being held in school on October 11th when we hope to be able to display any archive documents.

## Educational Awards from Sedgefield Charities

**Sedgefield Charities invite applications from residents in Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield and Trimdon, for educational grants for study beyond "A" level or equivalent.**

These grants are particularly designed to help new university students who may find the additional costs of university life, books, laptops, etc., difficult to fund.

They are, however available to anyone, of any age, taking up a higher level course of education. A limited number of awards are made each year but every successful applicant will have that award renewed for every year of the course, provided they make good progress and their circumstances do not change.

For further information and application forms contact the Clerk to the Trustees:  
**John Hannon, East House, Mordon, Sedgefield, Co.Durham, TS21 2EY**

**Telephone: 01740 622512**

**e-mail: [east.house@btinternet.com](mailto:east.house@btinternet.com)**

**Closing date for applications is 30th September, 2014**





## A Sedgefield Bake Off!

The Taste & See group has been up and running for 18 months now, and our aspiring young chefs have tackled a huge variety of recipes.

To conclude our "school" year we had a Bake Off competition and everyone made muffins to be judged by our special guest Gloria Wills. It was a difficult decision, as all our bakers are such excellent cooks, but finally Emily Reid was chosen as the winner of this year's top award.

"Taste" will resume in September and our waiting list is open to new members aged nine to eleven. For more information please contact Pam Lamb on 01740 621251.



## Nicola is top of the class

Teaching assistant Nicola Bourner, pictured above, has just completed her apprenticeship at Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School, where pupils voted her top of the class. The 20 year old has been studying NVQ qualifications in child care and has secured a permanent job at the end of her apprenticeship in September as a Nursery Key Worker and Breakfast Club Supervisor. Nicola lives in Sedgefield and would highly recommend an apprenticeship as a career development. "This has been an excellent opportunity for me that has changed my life. The staff and children here at Hardwick are amazing to work with and I felt part of the team as soon as I arrived."

Durham County Council's employability team and the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (AAP) combined their funding to create 29 apprenticeships in the local area, and after Nicola's success, Sally Newton, Head teacher at Hardwick Primary, said "It has been a privilege to provide high quality training opportunities through the Apprenticeship Scheme. We are delighted that in the future we will be able to offer additional apprenticeships through our IN2 Extended Schools Company". Further details on the scheme are available from Alison Kirk, employability officer, Durham County Council on 03000 262010 or [Alison.kirk@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.kirk@durham.gov.uk)

## Dr Sutherland

Dr Elisabeth Sutherland, who moved from Sedgefield to Grinton in Swaledale after retiring, died on July 5th, aged 86.

Dr Sutherland was much respected in Sedgefield, and she is not only remembered for her skill and care as our family doctor. Her dry sense of humour lightened many an anxious moment, especially when poorly children were involved. She was also a local councillor, served as Mayor of Sedgefield, and was a willing volunteer and general joiner-in.

She was a beloved wife, sister, mother and grandmother. A memorial event will be held in Reeth in the autumn, details of which will be published in a later edition.

## New Sainsbury's Charity

The National Animal Sanctuaries Support League, who support women's refuge and vulnerable people, as well as providing a home and caring for a range of animals will be the new Local Charity for the Sainsbury's Sedgefield store. They will receive a year's worth of fundraising and awareness support.

A launch day will take place on 9th of August, when representatives from NASSL will be on hand to greet customers throughout the day. The store team will also be fundraising for the new charity by holding various activities instore.

The retailer's Local Charity scheme is now in its sixth year and gives customers the chance to vote for their favourite local charity to be considered to receive a year's worth of support from their Sainsbury's store. The scheme has raised over £6 million to support local charities since 2009.

The Sedgefield store has had great success in supporting the chosen causes, last year raising £14,759 for local charities.

## The Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel visited both village Primary Schools to present the **Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2014**



On the 17th & 18th of July, at leavers' ceremonies which took place at Sedgefield Hardwick & Sedgefield Primary, Neighbourhood Watch were privileged to present the above awards. Yes, privileged; because it is so uplifting to learn that so many of our young children are really very decent people, who achieve and share so much in these early years at school, thanks in large measure to our excellent two Primary schools and their staff. Some credit must also be due to the parents of course! Both schools reported on how difficult it has been yet again, to pick only one person from so many "good citizens" at their schools.

At Hardwick Primary, the most deserving pupil of the school year 2013/2014 was named as Ben Stokell, described by his year teacher, Mrs Anne Burns as thoroughly deserving of the award; he is kind, considerate and caring and these attributes are evident in everything he does, making him a popular pupil with his peers as well as staff.

Ben is often chosen by his peers to be their spokesperson, to represent them in a variety of situations. Clearly they appreciate his communication skills, passion and enthusiasm. Ben's determination to overcome problems and his positive attitude are most commendable and he has been an excellent ambassador for Hardwick School; he has been an inspiration throughout his time at Sedgefield Hardwick. Ben is pictured right, receiving his personally engraved trophy and framed certificate of award from Neighbourhood Watch secretary, Joe McKenna and the sincere congratulations of the local Watch for his achievement.



*Fine young citizens - above, Ben Stokell of Hardwick Primary and below, Isobel Hardy of Sedgefield Primary. Photos by Ken Saiger*

At Sedgefield Primary School the next day, a modest young lady, Isobel Hardy, was somewhat surprised to be named most deserving pupil of the school year 2013/2014 and young Citizen of the Year 2014.

Head teacher Mrs Andrea Cox described Isobel as a friendly and caring pupil who is very thoughtful and a good friend to pupils of all ages in our school. Isobel works very hard and is an excellent role model and can always be relied on to set a good example to others.

Isobel has been a most reliable mentor to other pupils since she joined Sedgefield Primary in Reception. She has been a member of the school buddy system all of the way through school, being responsible for ensuring that everyone has had a friend to play with and that playground quarrels are quickly resolved. When she joined Year 6 she became leader of the buddies.

Isobel took the role very seriously, arranging meetings with the buddies and mentoring them so they could learn how to help others too, further example of just what a considerate and kind person she is, working tirelessly to make sure school is a happy place for everyone.

In presenting the award to Isobel, Joe McKenna pointed out just what an accolade it is to be singled out as a really good person, especially as there are clearly so many others in the school and he congratulated Isobel for being chosen and for her achievements throughout her years at the school.



### From PC Keith Todd ...

We have had a couple of good months with crime remaining very low but the June/July period has seen a small increase in reports of crime. These include a car having been broken into and property stolen whilst parked in the Winterton Estate; a burglary in Cunningham Court where the front door was kicked in; concrete fence posts damaged in the cemetery. Also there were victims of crime at Hardwick Country Park, with a number of mountain bikes stolen and damage caused to the car park meter. Fortunately, the bikes have been recovered and a court case is pending.

### Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in Ceddesfeld Hall. No incidents were reported that required further action by members.

### P.A.C.T. Meeting

No issues were raised at the last meeting, however, the Sedgefield police neighbourhood team continue to monitor various areas around the village regarding ASB/parking/speeding issues. *Until next time, Keith*

**NB. Residents' Forum Jottings are on page 11**

**Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch members wish to extend congratulations and best wishes to all staff and pupils at our two Primary Schools for their continuing hard work and their many achievements.**

### Local Police - 101

CPO Duncan Gill 01325 742714  
Neil Langthorne 01325 742755  
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# August Events Diary

## Friday 1st

**Save a life; give blood!** At Fishburn Primary School, in two sessions, from 2.30 - 3.45pm and 4.30 - 7pm. To book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23

## Sunday 3rd

**Sedgefield Farmers' Market** from 8.30am on the Village Green. Good local food and plants, plus **2 NEW STALLS THIS MONTH:** Gourmet Scotch Eggs and North Wall Charcuterie. Also, bringing a bit of culture to the green, Fishburn Art Group will be showing their work.

## Wednesday 6th

**Sedgefield WI** Parish Hall 7.15pm. "Policeman to Aid Worker" by Gordon Bacon. Members' competition - a pair of cufflinks. Visitors are always welcome

## Saturday 9th

### Sedgefield Show

## Friday 15th

### Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Parish Hall 9.30 - 11.30. Enjoy coffee/tea and delicious scones.

## Saturday 16th

**LOTUS BBQ** at Humble Knowle Farm, Fishburn TS21 4BG, from 5 - 11pm. Traditional children's games to commence at 5pm, BBQ at 6pm. Raffle, entertainment throughout the evening including live music from Ceddesfolk, fire engine rides around the field and art & crafts in the log cabin. Bar open throughout, selling sensibly priced soft drinks, beers, wines etc. Kitchen cabin open for tea & coffee. Ticket price includes food. Adult £4 Child under 12 £3. Camping and breakfast available at additional cost via Billyjeans Ltd. For information about LOTUS, see opposite page.

## Monday 18th

**Meditation Group** In St Edmund's Church. 7 - 7.30pm. All welcome.

## Holiday notes & a few September dates

**Sedgefield & District U3A** There's no meeting in August, but we're back again on the 5th of September. Happy Holidays! Sedgefield U3A Secretary, 01740 629574

**Also not meeting in August are:** The Country Market; Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club; Local History Group; Sedgefield Family History Group; Sedgefield Garden Club; Sing for Health.

## Monday 1st September

**Sedgefield Residents' Forum** Fletcher Room, Parish Hall at 7pm. All welcome.

**Sedgefield Local History Society** Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm. Christine Ruskin on "The disappearing farms of Weardale."

## Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th September

**Sedgefield Folk Festival** Tickets for the Saturday night concert are sold out but, at the time of writing, there are still a few tickets available for the Friday night concert with **Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies** and Saturday afternoon with the **Young 'uns**. Tickets are also available for Friday night at Ceddesfeld Hall, with **Stockton & Darlington Ukulele Express & Ceddesfolk**.

The usual free workshops take place at Ceddesfeld Hall on Saturday morning then on Saturday afternoon, it's the **World Spoons Championship and Durham Traditional Songwriting Competition**.

With Singarounds on Friday night at the Social Club, Saturday afternoon & evening at Ceddesfeld Hall and Sunday morning from 11am in Ceddesfeld Hall, and on Sunday morning at the **Farmers' Market**, Ceddesfolk hosting the music tent, there's no need to miss out on this amazing weekend of music and fun.

## Monday 22nd September

**A Fashion & Beauty night** The Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield present a Fashion Show by ELANA of JAYNE Fashions, with Beauty Products & Make Up by Clinique. In Sedgefield Parish Hall at 7.15pm. Tickets £6.50 inc. refreshments, are available from Ann Carr 01740 629070, Jayne's Shop, Front St. or Sedgefield Post Office. Proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society.

## Regular Meetings

### New Generation Church

Sundays at 11am, in Sedgefield Parish Hall. All welcome

### NECP Concertina Workshop

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

### Eddies@4

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's. Informal service for 2-6 yr olds. 621125

### Bridge Club

Sunday & Tuesday, 7.30pm, Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. Jen 620434

### Sedgefield Players

Parish Hall, 7.30pm Sundays & Weds. SPYS: 7-17 yrs Sunday 6.30pm. 620091

### Ceddesfeld Hall Pre-School

Mon, Wed & Fri mornings; Children invited from 2+years. Tel 620934

### Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Hall, Mon, Wed & Thurs, 9:15-11:30am in term time. Contact 620893

### Fishburn Art Group

Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Rd. 9.30am -12 noon, Mondays

### Community College Bowls

Mons 6-8pm. Carpet Bowls/Short Mat Individual coaching. No age limit. 623198

### Sedgefield Mags

1st Monday of month in Nag's Head at 8pm. Contact 07966029434

### Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

Ceddesfeld Hall. Tues & Thurs mornings 8.30-12 Beginners welcome. 622532

### Sedgefield Pop In Club

for elderly & disabled. Ceddesfeld Hall Tues 9.30-12 Wed 10-12.30 Thur 1-3.30

### Sedgefield Art Group

Methodist Church Hall 6.30-8.30pm Tues. Tuition. New members welcome

### Craft Club

Swinhoe Rm, Ceddesfeld Hall, 2nd/4th Tues 7.30-10pm. 620656. All welcome

### CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm

### Toddler Club

Wednesday term time 1.15 to 3pm, Ceddesfeld Hall. Joan Brennan, 622385.

### Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wed 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall (Mon1st wk of m'th) Beginners welcome. 621292

### Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays, 7.30pm. Contacts, Bob, 07831270892 ; Mel, 07530315331

### Sedgefield Acoustic Evenings

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8.30pm 1st Fri & 4th Wed. Informal singaround, all welcome.

### Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members welcome. Contact Carl; 07775644598

### Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small friendly group 10am -12 Thursdays

### Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/toast/chat!

### Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall. SLYC 6pm Adults 7.30pm New members welcome.



## Sedgefield Library

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**Open:** Wed 9.30am-12.30pm

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## Sedgefield Social Club

### August events

**Sat 2nd:** Will Marx, Guitar & Vocal

**Sat 9th:** Stephz, Young vocalist

**Sat 16th:** Ben Dillon, Guitar & Vocal

**Sat 23rd:** Andy Jackson, 60s Star

**Sat 30th:** Terry James, Vocal

Cover charge of £1.50 per person

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### Country Night

**Mon 18th:** Brian Marlow

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## LOTUS BBQ

Ladies Of The Upper Skerne is a group within the churches of the parish, and the fundraising BBQ they are holding at Humble Knowle Farm (*details in the diary*) is for the benefit of local causes. What those causes are is yet to be decided, so any organisation that would wish for a small pot of money could contact us through the parish office.

Tickets for the event are available now from church members around the parish or by calling **07787 531755**. Businesses around the area are welcome to donate a raffle prize and have a 'shout out' on the night.

## Do you like to dance?

If you are looking for fun and friendship, why not try ballroom and sequence dancing for all abilities? If enough people are interested, the class will start in September, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Hall. It will be run by a qualified teacher and there will be refreshments. You can come on your own or with a friend or partner.

If we are going to succeed in starting the group we will need some idea of the number of people interested, so please telephone one of us and let us know; Ann, on 01740 629070 or Joyce, on 01740 622601.



## World War 1 exhibition

Sedgefield Local History Society had terrific support for their World War 1 exhibition held in July in Ceddesfeld Hall. After a very successful preview reception held for all those who had donated, visitors of all ages enjoyed looking back at the sacrifice and dedication of Sedgefield people from 100 years ago. Many family members were very moved by taking this step back in time, while even the youngest children were fascinated by wartime artefacts, kindly loaned. Barbara Leo, who had done a huge amount of research for the exhibition, also created knitted poppies, worn here by members of Sedgefield LHS committee. Work will continue, as the group plans ultimately to produce a book commemorating Sedgefield and the Great War. New information came to light during the course of the exhibition. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please ring 01740-620091 or email [norma@neal.myzen.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.myzen.co.uk).

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# Sports UPDATE with Sports Editor CHRIS LINES

One of the characteristics of a year in which the football World Cup is held, is that the season seems to be 12 months long. There hasn't really been a break at all. In fact, even as the action in Brazil was still underway, some club sides on this side of the Atlantic were playing preliminary rounds in European competition. And just as it is in the professional game, so local Saturday and Sunday league football will soon be underway again. Pre-season training and friendlies have started in earnest and in August, Sedgefield's teams will kick off their 2014/15 campaigns. We'll include news of their progress in due course, but for now, we'll try and stick to focusing on summer sport, of which there is plenty to enjoy.

## Commonwealth Games

As I type this, the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games are just days away. There's plenty to look forward to during the fortnight of action. Although called the 'friendly games' there will be a lot of fierce competition across 18 sports and a good measure of world class sport to anticipate, especially in events such as swimming, cycling and athletics. There will also be a good number of competitors from the North East who will head up to Glasgow to perform. Some of the names to look out for include swimmer Aimee Willmott, athletes Chris Tomlinson, Alyson Dixon, Laura Weightman and Richard Kilty, and wheelchair athlete Jade Jones. One person from Sedgefield who will be able to see a lot of the action from close quarters is Abie Hearmon. Abie, a member of Sedgefield Harriers, is one of the many volunteers who will keep events in Glasgow ticking along. Along with the tens of thousands of ticket holders who attend the Commonwealth Games, she is looking forward to a great festival of sport.

## Pentathlon

**We have a national champion in our midst, in the sport of pentathlon!**

Fourteen-year-old Sadie Abel recently claimed the under-15 title at the British Youth Modern Pentathlon Championships in Solihull.

The sport includes five disciplines - shooting, swimming, fencing, riding and running - and Sadie performed well in all of them to land the title. Sadie is a member of Sedgefield Harriers and Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club and has made great progress in the sport since taking it up.

This was her biggest success to date and she hopes that the win will convince the Team GB selectors to give her the opportunity to represent her country. Sadie's long term aim is to compete in the Olympics and she's certainly making good progress towards achieving that.

## Athletics

On Saturday 28th June, Sedgefield Harriers hosted this year's Hamsterley Forest Marathon, in partnership with the North East Marathon Club. Three separate races were held on the same challenging course, all starting at the same time - the distances were 11.3 miles, 18.8 miles and full marathon. Runners started near the forest visitor centre, ran a couple of miles on road and then tackled a loop in the forest - one lap for the shortest distance, two for the middle distance and three for the marathon. Weather conditions were favourable for running - it was overcast and not too warm. That was welcomed by the competitors, because the course was very tough, with some really challenging climbs on each lap.

Winner of the 11.3 miles race was Michael Joyeux (Quakers) in 1:09:56, followed by Sedgefield Harrier Paul Weir in 1:11:56. First woman over the line was Louise Rogers (Tyne Bridge Harriers) in 1.22.06 and the first lady from Sedgefield to finish was Tracey Glaister in 1:37:36 (fifth lady). The winner of the 18.8 miles race was Mark Corbyn (unattached) in 2:11:13 and the winner of the women's race was Rachel Ball (Sunderland Strollers) in 2.35.52. The first man from Sedgefield to cross the line was Ray Carmichael, who was fifth in 2:35:49 and the first lady home was Diane Baines in 2:57:44 (seventh lady). The winner of the marathon was Dave Smithers (unattached) in a very impressive 3:05:29 and the first woman home was Melanie Horan (North East Marathon Club) in 3:43:51. The first Sedgefield Harrier to finish was Chris Lines in 3:38:09 (fourth).

Sedgefield Harriers also recently held the club's summer handicap race, over a cross country course between Fishburn and Bishop Middleham. The handicap format is a great way to guarantee an exciting finish to an event. Working from the time of 60 minutes, runners are given a handicap based on their best recent 10km result. For example, a runner who had recorded 43 minutes at 10km would run off a handicap of 17 minutes. As a result, runners finish the event in quick succession and the overall winner is not necessarily the fastest racer, but the person who performs best on the day relative to their handicap. The Harriers' handicap is free to enter and runners compete for the Gerry Kearsley Memorial Trophy. The event is made possible by the generous (and long term) support of Peggy Kearsley, to whom the club is very grateful.

This summer's event saw 52 men and women line up and the winner was an unattached runner, Steve Knight, who was very surprised to cross the line at the head of the field. The first Sedgefield man to finish was Dave Johnson and the first Sedgefield woman was Sophie Robson. The fastest man over the course was Paul Weir of Sedgefield Harriers, while his clubmate Tracey Glaister was fastest woman.

*Athletics events are pictured on the opposite page.*

## Cricket

With the season half completed Sedgefield Cricket Club's first XI is, unfortunately, bottom of the premier league. The good news is that the club professional, Sri Lankan Nisal Randika, has finally arrived and in his first game scored 103 at Richmond to help the side gain a hard earned draw. This has given the team a massive boost in the fight to maintain premier league survival.

Overall, the club is doing well on and off the pitch. New net practice facilities have just been completed, which should be a great asset to both junior and senior players. The club committee would love to see more people from the area head along to the ground to support the team and make good use of the clubhouse bar. Keep an eye on [www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub) for all of the latest news and fixtures.

**That's all for this month. As ever, send any sporting news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).**





*Top: Three Harriers set off; l-r Ray Carmichael, David Walker, Simon Cavey  
Right: Steve Knight receives the Memorial Trophy from Peggy Kearsley  
Below: Ean Parsons briefs handicap runners on a glorious summer evening*



## Residents' Forum Jottings from July

Jottings for June did not appear in the last edition of Sedgefield News due to a technical problem (these things happen) but they were circulated on the community email list. If you are not on that list, to receive village info, email Jane at the Town Council ([jane@sedgefield.net](mailto:jane@sedgefield.net)) with your email address and a request to be added to the list. The July meeting received a report from Cllr Robinson; this again was circulated on the community email. The meeting particularly concentrated on the Forum's final response to the Inspector on the County Durham Plan (CDP). It was agreed that a final response summarising the Forums view should be sent; a draft letter was agreed. It was also agreed that there needs to be a co-ordinated response to the Inspector from all interested parties in the village i.e. the Town Council (TC), the Neighbourhood Plan group (NHP), the Residents Forum and our County Councillor.

With this in mind it was agreed that the Forum write and request a meeting be arranged and that the consultant engaged by the TC and NHP be able to represent the views of the Forum at the Inspectors examination. The examination of the CDP will start on 30th September with a pre-hearing information meeting on July 31st. Forum representatives will be attending.

There are 2 planning applications which you may wish to comment on; a change to the Hope Inn and the building of 2 houses in the Hope Inn car Park (DM/14/01598/FPA & DM/14/01599/LB) & an application for a traveller site at Elstob Crossing (DM/14/01730/FPA); you can see the applications on the County Planning website under those ref. numbers.

Other issues discussed were the need for dog poo bins in certain areas, the question of the supposed spend of £26K on the woodland at Neville Drive, the positioning and management of traffic lights while repairs are taking place and the ongoing request for an alcohol free zone in the village, youths camping in East Park, lighting fires under an ancient tree and leaving rubbish and bottles.

***The next Forum meeting is at 7pm on September 1st in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.***

## Celebrating 60 years together



*Mayor of Sedgfield, Mel Carr presents Keith and Nancy Wells with a bouquet in recognition of their recent Diamond Wedding.*

Nancy and Keith Wells have amassed a long list of credits since they arrived in Sedgfield soon after their marriage, and must be one of our best known couples. Both have been active members of Sedgfield Community Association for many years, Nancy as membership secretary and treasurer and Keith as a former chairman. Nancy is also treasurer of The Gardening Club and she has catered for numerous banquets and feasts for every possible occasion. Her skills in this area are renowned.

Keith worked for Sedgfield Town Council as town clerk many years ago, a memory he holds close, as his decision to work in Sedgfield Town Council, initially earning £3 per week, led him to book a family holiday to Lowestoft which cost £159, a whole year's salary!

For their sterling efforts on behalf of the community, both have now held the title of Citizen of the Year, and, previously Mayor of Sedgfield, Keith also holds the title of Honorary Burgess.

They are both very happy to be part of this friendly community, in which their family, son, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, have thrived. A round of applause seems appropriate!

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