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# Sedgefield NEWS

## February 2011

### The Junior Harriers' Brussels Adventure *Abie Hearmon reports*

After a chilly start from Ceddesfeld, we set off on our adventure to Brussels, Belgium. We drove up to Edinburgh and flew to Brussels, arriving at the Sleepwell Youth Hostel late at night.

On day two we visited the famous Atomium near the Heysel Stadium, as well as mini-Europe, a small scale version of...Europe! On returning to the hotel we visited the Mannequin de Pis as well as the light show in the Grande Place, and ended the day with a pizza.

Day three saw the day of the big race in the shadow of the Atomium. Emily Robertshaw, Elise Brown and I were up first for two laps of the cross country course and were placed 14th (me), 39th (Emily) and 41st (Elise). I'm at the very top of the age group, while Emily is three days off the bottom. Next it was Rory Varley's turn for 2.5km of the course and he came 45th. All the while, Gary Hetherington and Diane Baines were completing the 10k road race around the edge of the park.

Next on the cross country course for a 4km run were Jonathan Baines, Ben Hetherington and Lee Armes finishing in 11th, 19th and 42nd. After watching the international men and women race in a heavy snow shower we headed back to the hotel for some well deserved pizza!

Travelling home on Monday was an adventure to say the least. After an early morning wake up call, and the obvious game of pool, we left the Sleepwell for the very last time. On arriving at the airport, after much confusion we established our plane was cancelled and flying was not an option. So a 15 hour ferry was booked and we were getting home in time for Christmas! The Pride of Bruges was more luxurious than the hostel with power showers, comfortable beds and good food. Unfortunately, sea sickness got the better of two of our runners, but nurse Diane was on hand to help and everybody was okay in the morning. Entertainment on the ship was so

**The group in front of the Atomium:**  
**Gary Hetherington, Diane Baines, Jonna Baines, Lee Armes, Rory Varley, Scott Hydon, Elise Brown, Ben Hetherington, Emily Robertshaw and Abie Hearmon**



good that Rory fell asleep in the cinema, probably helped by the 'gentle' rocking of the boat. After a good night's sleep we were finally in England, although it seemed like passport control didn't want us in the country! When we were finally free, Dave from Trimdon picked us up in his mini-bus and we set off for Sedgefield. But the story doesn't end there - Diane, Scott and Gary still had to go to Edinburgh to pick up their cars and only when they returned was the Sedgefield Harriers' trip to Brussels officially over.

**Ben Hetherington in Harriers vest**  
**More photos page 7**



## No ordinary 'Back to School' for College students this year



Whilst youngsters across the country reluctantly returned to their desks after the Christmas break, students of Sedgefield Community College did so with much excitement and enthusiasm as they walked through the doors of their brand new £18m building for the first time. The college, which was fortunate to be one of the few schools in the country to benefit from the 'Building Schools for the Future' initiative before the programme was scrapped by the new coalition government, opened for the first time at the beginning of term.

Whilst not unappealing to the eye from the outside, it is not until you enter the building that the true visual impact of the building can be appreciated. Built around a large, striking central 'heartspace' which incorporates performance and teaching areas, the building branches off into a number of specialist areas, of which the sport area is particularly impressive with a large purpose built Dance Studio, a vast sports hall (*photo p.6*) and a fitness room equipped with modern machines. However, it is clear to see that significant emphasis has also been placed upon ensuring general teaching areas are equipped and furnished to the highest of standards. Every area provides teachers with the latest technology at their fingertips, whilst students have brand new laptops available to them should they wish to use them.

Headteacher Dave Davies is understandably pleased with the outcome of what he explained has been a long process to reach this point. "The vision of Sedgefield Community College is summed up in the acronym 'Achieve'. We aim to ensure that every child enjoys their time at school and aspires to achieve as highly as possible not only academically but also through sport and the Arts. This fantastic new building provides us with the perfect environment through which to achieve this goal and continue the huge improvements that have taken place recently. The building is a significant piece in the jigsaw of creating a truly outstanding school. "In recent times, the college has seen significant change with staff restructuring, the introduction of a new approach to ensuring positive student behaviour and of course the new uniform.

In addition, the introduction of new teaching and learning methodology coupled with the huge improvements in GCSE performance over the summer has seen the college become one of the most successful and improved schools in Durham. I am confident that the movement to the new building will further accelerate this process of improvement.

During this time the college has continued to devote a huge amount of time to working alongside designers and builders to ensure that the new building supports the ethos of the college and ensures that generations of students can 'Achieve@ Sedgefield'."

### Cupcake Café



#### @ Sedgefield Community College

Students of Sedgefield Community College are holding weekly coffee mornings in our community café. Come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade cake or biscuit.

**The Cupcake Café will run each Friday during term time from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.**

**All profits go to charity.**

### Sedgefield Has Talent

*In aid of the Mayor's Charity for local groups & organisations*

On 1st April there will be a Grand Concert in the Parish Hall, showcasing the best entertainers Sedgefield has to offer. If you are a magician, singer, dancer, musician or have any other entertaining skills, don't be shy! Pop into Sedgefield Town Council Office (or telephone 621273) as soon as possible, to find out how to be one of the artistes appearing in the spring concert.

### Charity Gig

'**Anywhere But Here**' is a band of 5 young lads from Sedgefield area who have been together for about 2 years, playing gigs organised by Sedgefield Drop-In.

They practise in Trimdon at The Green (the old Labour Club), where they will play a charity gig on February 19th (details p.11).

The line-up is Anywhere But Here, Kieran Clarke and The Queen Bees.

All proceeds will go to Butterwick Hospice & epilepsy research.



## Hilarity abounds at the Cricket Club Christmas Charity Night

Huge thanks to performers and audience alike, for making our 10th Anniversary charity evening at the refurbished Cricket Club such a huge success. The 20 performances & 34 separate tracks (a record for the organisers) ran like clockwork, to a packed house. It's difficult to single out any one performance, but again the evening was varied, with a monologue, singers, guitarists, duos, and for the first time a group - 4 young men performing for the first time.

Andrew Adams (Watson) performed **Summer of 69** which went down a storm; well done to him. A plump gentleman with flying helmet and goggles flew in on a single prop Gypsy Moth and landed on the cricket field. He made a grand entrance to the Rocky theme, only to have prop failure when he got on stage. However, like a true professional he pulled it all together and gave a great performance of **Living next door to Alice**.

Two centurions appeared on stage, apparently unsure of what they were doing. They had come along dressed as Romans, but they were performing **Baby I love you** by the Ramones! Both artists blamed the other for the spelling mistake and misunderstanding, but the hilarious performance went down very well. Harmonies were tight and well performed (a new style of harmony, by all account known as the barking chant!)

A big thanks to John Wrightson for the sound system and to Roly Hindmarsh for the light show. Also, thanks to Eden Fancy Dress from Thorpe Thewles, who spent time helping some of the performers with their costumes.

The two charities to benefit this year are the Great North East Air Ambulance and the Durham Area Disability Leisure Group.



## Pensioners' Party invitation

Sedgefield Round Table invite all pensioners to a free party on **Saturday 12th February** in the Parish Hall. There will be sherry, sandwiches, cream cakes and as much tea as you can drink! Entertainment includes a Post Master magic show, a singer and Bert Draycot again (until we drag him offstage!) and of course, bingo.

We will collect and return anyone who has difficulty getting to the hall. All you need to do is fill in the invitation slip in the Post office and tick the box if you require a lift.

## More Live Music in Sedgefield

At the start of another year we are looking forward to some great live music events at Sedgefield Cricket Club and the Parish Hall. The first highlight is at the Cricket Club on February 19th, when the main guest is Tom McConville - BBC Folk Musician of the Year 2009. This is not to be missed! Tom is a world class fiddle player and is bringing his band which includes Phil Murray of the Doonans.

Stony will be at the Club in March, Paul Tilley in April, and the Haley Sisters make a welcome return to Sedgefield, at the Parish Hall on 13th May. The first weekend in September brings the sixth annual Folk Festival with two international acts booked, in the form of the London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra and the Billy Mitchell Band with Peter Tickell. Other performers will include Flossie, Anna Shannon, The Young 'Uns, Gren Bartley & Tom Kitching, John Wrightson Band, Lol & Maxine Allan, Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir and Hardwick Junior School; all in all a very exciting year to come which I am sure will enjoy the usual wonderful support from people in the village and surrounding areas. Further information about these events on [www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk) or call Joan Edmundson on 621347.

# Community SAFETY



## Police Liaison Officer's report for 2010

Neighbourhood Watch members who opt to receive Crime related messages from our local Police (by telephone or internet) will already be aware of the good report from our Police Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne. Crime continues to reduce and in particular, house burglaries were significantly reduced during 2010 on the previous year. Neil makes the point in his message and it is particularly relevant to all householders: "Don't become complacent. Think security – just take the time routinely to practise some simple crime prevention measures." The one area of increase in crime is the theft of scrap metal. Police continue to ask the public to be especially vigilant and report any suspicious persons or vehicles to them. Even houses have been targeted for metals/lead flashings, so watch out! There are thieves about. In fact the value of the link between Police & NHW members is illustrated here:

*"This is a Police message for Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch. About 2.45am on Saturday 15th, two incidents were reported in Station Road, involving the attempted theft of lead from the bay windows of properties in the street. This continues to be a problem in the village and your continued vigilance can only assist us to track down the persons responsible."*

## Home Security - a Brief Reminder

Remember it is all too easy to forget about the open window the unlocked door, your forgetfulness is the chance the thief or burglar is waiting for. Make a habit of keeping doors & windows locked even when in the house.

## House unlit after Dark

Use timing switches to turn on lights or a radio around the house while you are out, to make your home appear occupied. Door Callers: Trading Standards, the Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone to not buy at the door. 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).

## Bogus Callers & Walk in Theft

This happens to the least expecting & often to someone who is usually careful. Keep the door chain or door bar on at all times especially, when answering the door. If in doubt, keep them out. Do not allow entry without an appointment or notification. A locked door prevents unwanted visitors. Door bars are available, from Tim Spearey (see number below).

## Garden Security

Mark valuables with post code using a simple UV pen; don't leave tools, toys, bikes etc. out unattended. Lock them away, preferably out of sight.

## 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 prescription in the flask (as long as it shows all your current medication).

## The first Neighbourhood Watch meeting of 2011

is on Tuesday 8th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you want to keep crime low in our village, come & share your views.

## 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



*The lucky winner of PC Todd's Christmas card competition receives her brand new bike.*

## PC Todd reports

*First, the good news! Every year I run a Christmas card competition in the local Primary schools: the children do a picture of me in a Christmas setting, I choose the 5 best in their age range to win a prize and I print cards with the winning pictures and names of the children. These are sent to the Royal family, MPs and other VIPs. This year we had a reply from the Queen, which I read out at the prize-giving at Hardwick School. But also, our chief constable, John Stoddard judged that my overall winner was good enough to win his county-wide competition, and the prize for that is a bike (see left).*

Back to business now and yet again lead thefts dominated the crime figures in January, bay windows being the target. Lead was stolen from 2 properties in Lile Gardens and another in Station Rd.

Another crime emerging as a problem is the theft of old cars showing signs of damage or appearing un-roadworthy. Two such vehicles have been taken recently, one from Winterton, after a breakdown, and one from West Park Lane. Nearby villages have suffered similar crimes. It is not known how these vehicles are taken but if you see a car being lifted onto a recovery vehicle or being towed, please record the recovery vehicle details and inform the police. So far these stolen vehicles have not been recovered but are believed to have been broken down into spares or scrap. Other reported crimes include theft from the Co-op where 3 youths were arrested and theft of a trailer from Hardwick Hall Hotel.

## PACT meeting

No January meeting took place so the next meeting will be directly after the Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Tuesday 8th February 2011. The priorities remain until this meeting, which are parking issues outside Theakston's and Sainsbury's.

If you have any local concerns affecting you or your neighbours come along to the meeting – we may be able to resolve it.

## PUB Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Social Club. Christmas and New Year passed with no major issues with only a couple of people warned by police regarding their behaviour on the streets due to excessive alcohol. No incidents were reported which required further action from members.



## Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum

There was no meeting of the Forum in January, the first Monday being a bit too close to the New Year. As reported, the December meeting didn't take place as only a few people attended, we could probably blame the weather; so that leaves our next meeting at 7pm on February 7<sup>th</sup> as a catch up from November. We do need residents to come along and give their views on issues affecting the village and also the future of the Residents' Forum – do people want it to continue, should we change the meeting date? Come along and let us know.

New Year sees the opening of the New Community College, and don't the pupils look great in the new uniform? Reports on results are brilliant, congratulations to all concerned.

The residents of St Edmund's Green area of the village as well as those on access routes to the college have been extremely tolerant over the time of the college rebuild; there are still some months to go before the old school is demolished and everything gets back to normal. The Forum has been made aware of parking problems in the St Edmund's Green area as a result of the rebuild. We have contacted the college and believe the college are very sensitive to the issue and seem to be doing all they can to minimise problems, but we will keep informed of residents' problems.

We are still seeking answers to the £46K section 106 monies which should be spent in the village, and await an update on our response to the proposed land allocation for future house building in the village.

Those of you who gave feedback to Durham County Council (DCC) on the Co Durham Plan and in particular, housing land allocation, should have received a letter from DCC giving information on accessing the reports online, but for those who are interested, [www.durhamcc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning](http://www.durhamcc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning) gives some interesting info on the settlement study and there is further access on [www.durham.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.durham.gov.uk/ldf).

DCC also state:- *From January 2011 onwards we are also intending to consult on a number of other reports including reports which consider the overall Spatial Strategy for the County Durham Plan, Overall Housing Requirement, Housing Distribution, Executive Housing, Strategic Employment Sites and Waste Delivery Strategy. Further details will be posted here (on their web site) when they become available.*

So as a community we need to be very clear on what **WE** want and make sure that happens. The Forum is here to help with that, so come along and give your support.

## Looking out for the neighbours

Durham County Council is asking us to be neighbourly during any future cold snaps. It's a simple idea - just to give help, when it's needed, to anyone living near us who we know to be elderly or infirm, to see if they are warm enough, have enough to eat, have all their medicines etc.

## Headwear service for people with cancer

Jessica's Headwear service has been set up at the Cancer Information and Support Office, Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe. The service is Call Freephone 0800 783 4056 for an appointment with a trained volunteer, in a private room. Bring a friend or relative along if you wish. You won't feel rushed, in fact the room is usually filled with laughter - it can be quite good fun trying on the headwear! It is hoped that clients leave not only feeling they look better but also feeling emotionally better and more able to cope with the challenges of living with cancer.

## Sedgefield in Bloom 2011

Although this year's efforts for Northumbria in Bloom are not launched until the Valentine's Coffee Morning on February 4th, Bloomers have already been out planting and tidying. Very soon, thanks to grant aid from Durham County Council, new trees will be planted in various locations around the village and Chris Young, in charge of the farm at the Community College, has offered an old plough to be renovated by students, who did such a great job on the seed drill last year. An alpine bed based on the Rotary Club Wheel is to be created at the entrance to Winterton, where further work is to be done on community garden and allotments. If you would like to help, or to offer a recipe based on garden produce for the planned cookery book, call at the council office or email [angela.simpson@sedgefield.net](mailto:angela.simpson@sedgefield.net) or [a.m.petty@btinternet.com](mailto:a.m.petty@btinternet.com). Next meeting see p.11. New members welcome.

## Regular Events

### Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday walks, between 5 & 10 miles.  
Contact 620034 or 620434 for further information

### Sedgefield Playgroup

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

### Sing for Health

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

### Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15 – 7.30pm  
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](http://www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk)

### Ceddesfeld Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon  
on Thursdays in Ceddesfeld Hall  
To join us, just call in or phone  
Malcolm Scott on 622871

### Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30am – 12noon  
Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

### Ready Steady Grow

Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am at  
Sedgefield Methodist Church  
A new venture for parents, carers & children. Tea/coffee, crafts, songs & bible stories. Call Margaret on 621618 or Rachel, 621071

Other events are on the Diary page

## Get Active Cycling Club

Families can participate FREE in a guided bike ride between 10am & 12 noon each Saturday morning, from April to October. Led by a qualified cycle instructor, the rides start and finish at Hardwick Park and are suitable for all ages and abilities. Bikes and helmets are available for participants to loan for free. Routes are predominantly off-road using a variety of networks. For further information or to book your place, please contact Get Active on 0191 5692847 or [steven.hart@nhs.net](mailto:steven.hart@nhs.net).

# SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

I was a little nervous while typing the last sports update. England were about to lose the third Test in Perth and the Ashes looked like being a very tight series again. Well, we all know how that turned out in the end. It was great to witness England comprehensively outplay Australia in Australia, for the first time in 24 years. The One Day International matches aren't going quite according to plan so far, but the Ashes have been well and truly retained, and that's the main thing. One interesting postscript for the North East - despite a very poor series with the bat, Paul Collingwood retired on a high note and (once he finds his form again) Durham CCC should benefit a lot from his availability next summer. Back in Sedgefield, the cold weather had a prolonged impact on the Sunday league football schedule and the village's teams are only just starting to play fixtures again. I'll have a mid-season update next month. Despite the lack of football, there's been plenty of other sport going on...

## Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club's annual handicap competition attracted 50 participants from the club. The handicap competitions have been dominated in recent years by the Rowsby clan, and this year was no exception (an investigation by England Squash has been called for!). In a tightly contested final, Stephen Rowsby overcame a spirited challenge from Kevin Amer to win 15:11, 0:15, 15:8. Under the handicapping rules, Stephen

had to concede an advantage to Kevin, commencing each game on minus 40 points, thereby actually winning 150 rallies during the game which lasted well over an hour. The annual club closed competitions begin at the end of February with categories for men, ladies and juniors. Look out for further updates from the club in future months. If you are interested in taking up squash in Sedgefield, call 01740 621125.

## Sedgefield Harriers

At the North East Cross Country Championships on 8<sup>th</sup> January, the Sedgefield Harriers girls U13 team put in a very strong performance to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> team place and show the measure of the club's junior development. Very promising athlete Hannah Featherstone was first Harrier in 10<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Rebecca Mott in 15<sup>th</sup>, Ellie Gaines in 26<sup>th</sup>, Emily Robertshaw in 34<sup>th</sup> and Jade Vallyelly in 37<sup>th</sup>. All of the girls were at the bottom of the age group, which bodes well for next year's championships.

There was strong representation at the championships from the clubs' juniors across nearly all age groups. Not having run since Boxing Day due to a heavy cold, promising U17 Jonathan Baines had to settle for 10<sup>th</sup> place but is sure to bounce back with an improved performance at the Northerns in Sunderland. The club's senior teams finished in 15<sup>th</sup> in the men's championships and 13<sup>th</sup> in the women's.

The club had a strong turn out at the Old Monks Race in Hart the day

after the cross country event, with a number of runners taking part in both to ensure they scored in the club's first Grand Prix race of the season. On a cold but clear morning with conditions icy underfoot, Ian Blakemore was the first Harrier home in 15<sup>th</sup> place and Rosie Warnett picked up 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the ladies race. Next race in the club's Grand Prix series is the Castleton Beacon race, part of the North York Moors Winter Series.

Sedgefield Harriers' Gerry Kearsley Winter Handicap was run on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January in wet but warm conditions with lots of mud, over the usual course north of Sedgefield. The race started near Fishburn and followed tracks and trails around Bishop Middleham over a 6.5 mile course. The overall winner was Andy Lowes (unattached) from South Shields, who ran off a handicap of 17 minutes. First Sedgefield man and woman were Jason Caterrall and Susan Wallace. Fastest man over the course was Will Horsley of Elvet Striders in a run time of 37:52 and fastest woman was Rosie Warnett of Sedgefield Harriers in a time of 48:30. The handicapping again proved pretty accurate as all but two of the 61 runners returned in a spread of ten minutes.

Some Harriers juniors have been competing for their schools in cross country with notable success. Hannah Featherstone finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, Abie Hearmon 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sam Hearmon 14<sup>th</sup> in their own age groups in the Teesside district events, while Ben Hetherington was 5<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Baines 7<sup>th</sup>, Scott Kippin 16<sup>th</sup>, Joe Worley 27<sup>th</sup> & Megan Hetherington 42<sup>nd</sup> in their county races in the Co. Durham event. It is hoped that some will go on to represent their counties at the national schools cross country races.

That's all for this month, except to mention that, in case you missed the two recent darts world championships, Adrian 'Jackpot' Lewis won the PDC version in a final against Gary Anderson that may have signalled the start of a sea change at the top of the PDC game. Meanwhile, over at the Lakeside, Martin 'Wolfie' Adams bagged his third world title in the longer established BDO tournament, which was sadly a little short of high quality action and drama this year. As ever, if you have any sports news, please send it to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).



*A glimpse of the enormous new sports hall at Sedgefield Community College. Bear that word 'Community' in mind - because you can use this too!*



## Run into spring

Sedgefield Harriers are once again offering free 'introduction to running' sessions in partnership with Durham County Council.

These are very successful sessions which run for eight weeks.

They offer support within a group for novice runners who want to run for fitness, and guidance from a qualified coach.

Sessions start from 26th January, meeting at the gates of Ceddesfeld Hall.

Contact Ean Parsons on **07771 828 568**



**Junior Harriers in Brussels:  
Elise Brown (left) & Emily Robertshaw.**



**The boys team with Diane Baines**

## Boxing day winners



The Stan Hetherington memorial trophy was presented to Mark Caine & James Taylor in the Dun Cow after the annual Boxing Day game between the "older" & young footballers of the village.

The presentation was made by Kenny Moir, and the result - a 'debatable' 4-4 draw!

But it all made for a very pleasant afternoon with foody nibbles supplied by Geoff, the proprietor!

*Photo & report by Gerry Slater.*

## Sedgefield Development Trust Community Lawyers

If you would like to access our Legal Clinic please ring and leave a message on **629011** and we will contact you. Clinics are usually arranged to suit individual needs.

## A sporting occasion in this month's 'Snapshot of Sedgefield'

In January's Snapshot, Kenny Moyle spotted his uncle, George Moyle, the tallest of the players kneeling on the left. Evidently, the team played next to the old cemetery near the church wall.

Anne Moffat (nee Bonnington) left Sedgefield after her first year at the Comp, but has fond memories of Rectory Row School, whose class of 1977 featured in October.

Anne, front row next to best friend Sandra Stirk, remembers organising a sit-in to persuade the head teacher to let the pupils go and watch the Queen drive along the by-pass on her Silver Jubilee tour. Now living in Halifax, Anne would love to hear from old school friends. Call 0788-406-5250 or email [anne.moffat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anne.moffat@hotmail.co.uk)

*If you know anything about this month's snapshot or would like to donate or loan items to the history society, please call 620091 or email [norma@neal.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.co.uk).*

*New members and visitors are welcome to join us at Ceddesfeld Hall on the first Monday of every month.*



**Our February snapshot from the Sedgefield Local History Society archive shows the ball game in 1950. Recognise anyone?**

# February Events Diary

## CeddesFolk Session

Ceddesfeld Hall  
**Wednesday 2nd February**  
 Beginners 7 - 8pm upstairs  
 All comers, main hall from 8pm

## Sedgefield WI

**Wednesday 2nd February**  
 7.15pm, Parish Hall.  
 "Cromwellian Durham" by Gordon Morris, followed by Pooled Supper  
 Members' competition:  
 3 Home-made Shortbread Fingers  
*Visitors welcome; fee £2.50*

## Valentine Coffee Morning

Sedgefield in Bloom 2011 Launch  
 Parish Hall, 10 -11.30 am  
**Friday 4th February**  
 Home made cakes, tombola,  
 book stall, crafts, gifts  
 Valentine Hamper raffle

## Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

**Saturday 5th February**  
 Eyes down at 7.30pm

## Cricket Club Quiz Night

**Saturday 5th February**  
 Starts 8pm

## Headrush Gig

The Black Lion  
**Sunday 6th February**

## Residents' Forum

7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall  
**Monday 7th February**

## Local History Society

**Monday 7th February**  
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm  
 Chris Lloyd: "First among Equals"  
*All welcome*

## Methodist Wives & Friends

**Monday 7th February**  
 Postcards - George Nairn  
**Monday 21st February**  
 Cornwall - David Rodway

## Neighbourhood Watch Panel

First Meeting of 2011  
**Tuesday 8th February**  
 7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall  
*All Welcome*

## Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm  
**Tuesday 8th February**  
 Food Tasting - Janet Parker  
**Tuesday 22nd February**  
 AGM - Cheese & biscuits

## Sedgefield in Bloom Meeting

**Wednesday 9th February**  
 10am in the council offices

## Sedgefield Show

**Thursday 10th February**  
 8pm in the Nag's Head  
*All welcome*

## Pensioners' Party

**Saturday 12th February**  
 Parish Hall. See page 5 for details

## Sedgefield Blues Club

**Saturday 12th February**  
 Kyla Brox Band  
 with Lightening Matt  
 Tickets from Post Office or  
 Round Table members

## Farmers' Market

**Sunday 13th February**

## NECP Concertina Workshop

**Sundays 13th & 27th February**  
 Ceddesfeld Hall at 1pm: all levels  
 welcome. Contact 01642 588197

## Sedgefield Development

### Trust Limited AGM

**Monday 14th February**  
 7.45pm at 58 Front Street  
 Any special or general resolutions  
 proposed must be with the Company at  
 its registered office no later than 12  
 noon on Friday 11th February 2011.  
 All nominations for Directors must be  
 with the Company Secretary by latest  
 noon Friday 11th February.  
 The AGM is an open public meeting.  
 SDT is owned & controlled by the  
 community

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

**Tuesday 15th February**  
 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
 "Time to Bloom"  
 Malcolm White from Washington  
*Everyone welcome*

## Ukulele Workshop

**Friday 18th February**  
 Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm  
 All levels welcome. Call 621729

## Charity Gig

**Saturday 19th February**  
 7.30pm at The Green, Trimdon  
 (ex Labour Club) £2 on the door.  
 Anywhere But Here, Kieran Clarke  
 & The Queen Bees

## Live Music

Sedgefield Cricket Club, 8pm  
**Saturday 19th February**  
 Main guest: Tom McConville Band  
 Also featuring Jack Burness,  
 Barbara Thor, Di Henderson  
 and the John Wrightson Band  
 Admission £9, inc. buffet  
 Tel 621347

A FREE service to non-  
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## S'field Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)  
**Monday 21st February**  
 Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

## The History of Medicine in the North East - Jo Gelfling

Contact S. Hall 620367  
*Visitors are always welcome*

## Sedgefield Wildlife Group

**Thursday 24th February**  
 7.45 Parish Hall  
 Living Landscapes - Jonathan Winn  
 Everyone welcome  
 Contact Steve Ashton 01287  
 636382 sashton@teeswildlife.org

## Sedgefield Family History

**Computer Group**  
**Monday 28th February**  
 7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall  
 For help with finding those elusive  
 ancestors via the internet.  
 £1 fee; for details call 620367

*See page 5 for regular events*

## Hardwick Park Events

**Wednesday 5th February**  
 2-4.30pm - The History of the Park  
 with photo opportunities  
**Saturday 12th February**  
 1-3pm Nest Box Making.  
 £4 per box. Book in advance  
**Saturday 26th February**  
 1-3pm Winter Tree Walk  
 Call 621505 or email  
 hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

## Sedgefield Library Events

**Wednesday 2nd & 16th Feb**  
 Rhyme Time: 10 - 11am  
**Monday 14th & 28th Feb**  
 Tickle Time: 2.15 - 3pm  
**Wednesday 16th Feb**  
 Book Circle: 2pm  
**Half Term Holiday Events**  
 for children - please contact  
 Library for more details

## Looking ahead

**Mayor's Dinner Dance**  
**Hardwick Hall, Friday 4th March**  
 Call Town Council Office, 621273

## Blood Donor Session

**Monday 14th March**, Parish Hall  
 14:30-15:45; 16:30-19:00

## Fiesta del Vino

Ceddesfeld Hall 7:30pm  
**Saturday 19th March**  
 Wine tastings, themed food y mas!  
 Tickets £14 from Ceddesfeld Bar



# Your Letters

## Winkers Christmas Party

For the last 10 years we have held a Christmas fund raising party for a personally relevant charity at Sedgefield Cricket Club. This year the chosen charity was Breast Cancer Research and we were delighted to raise the magnificent sum of almost £1,500. As the Cricket Club has been extended we were able to accommodate more people which contributed to a very festive atmosphere. Even treacherous weather conditions did not put off the many guests, some of whom travelled considerable distances to attend.

I would like to thank Graham and the bar staff who did a wonderful job, the club for the venue, my nephew (Marc Oliver) for the live entertainment and everybody for their generosity in donating prizes to make the raffle so successful. A great night was had by all and the evening flew by far too quickly.

*Anne Smyth - on behalf of Sedgefield Winkers.*

## Get Active Cycle Ride thanks

Last year I completed the Coast to Coast cycle ride. Many people sponsored me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity, encouragement and support. The sponsorship raised £740, which I have divided between four research charities; Alzheimer's, Crohn's & Colitis, Heart, and Parkinson's.

Once again, my sincere thanks.  
*Val Newton*

## Blues news

The Smokehouse boys provided the exceptional quality of musicianship we now expect from a Sedgefield Round Table Blues Club night. With the Mojo Hand and a great buffet, the December event had a real Christmas Party atmosphere.

All this success means that the Round Table charities account is ever more healthy. So, keeping up the momentum, we have a top notch line-up booked for this year, including some internationally renowned artists. It's hard to believe that after just one year, we can already attract artists of this calibre to Sedgefield.

As always we will give local talent the opening spot so if you can suggest any local artists who need some exposure or just would like to play to a receptive audience please let us know.

The next event is the Kyla Brox Band. According to Blues Matters magazine, "Kyla Brox is head and shoulders above her contemporary Blues/soul singers, and anyone contemplating buying an Amy Winehouse CD should listen to Kyla Brox latest". What more can we say?

Put these dates in your diary because tickets will be in great demand. We will do our best to ensure that local people get the first option on tickets and as usual they are available from the Post Office or any Round Table member.

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| February 12th | Kyla Brox Band with Lightening Matt                   |
| April 23rd    | Rob Tognoni with Black Water Fever                    |
| June 4th      | Ainsley Lister (solo) with local support              |
| August 13th   | Lyndon Anderson Band (new line up) with local support |
| October 22nd  | Oli Brown Band with local support                     |
| December 3rd  | Hall booked. Performers will be confirmed soon.       |

## Great opportunity for young Sedgefield songstress



15 year old Ciara Jasper, a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain (Junior North) for 2 years, has been accepted for the Training Choir North, a step up, giving her a wonderful opportunity to attend 2 residential training courses. The first culminates in a concert at The Barbican with the National Youth Jazz Collective in a Karl Jenkins world premiere, and it's hoped that the summer course will conclude with 30 selected singers performing at 12 venues on Goldie's tour of the UK. Ciara, who recently appeared as Aladdin in the Sedgefield Players' pantomime, acknowledges the generous financial and musical support she has received in the past 2 years from SLYC, SPYS, Sedgefield Players, Carmel RC College, Lyric Singers, Lirica, Billingham Rotary Club, Sedgefield Round Table, Sedgefield Rotary Club, Mo Wilkinson, Maxine Crallan, Margaret Mowat, Sandy Clubley, Tom Guest, Rita Fulton and her parents. She wishes to thank them all and to wish them all a very Happy New Year. Anyone wishing to sponsor Ciara to offset some of the course costs, please call 621771.

*D Jasper*

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