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Green is the word

Sedgefield has been alarmed about its built environment for almost as long as I have edited this paper. Affected lately by a big increase in its housing stock - both actual and threatened - and the subsequent loss of green spaces, the issue has taken centre stage at meetings of the Town Council and of dedicated residents' groups, as well as informally around pub tables and between friends.

The fight to control the growth of what was once a village is an even longer story which will persist well into the future, but I hope that Sedgefield News this month can shine a very small ray of sunlight onto the problem.

First, a new report presented to government by The Wildlife Trusts has suggested that the environment should be at the heart of housing policy. **In a departure from the usual subject matter of his articles, Steve Ashton explains this report.**

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Sedgefield Development Trust was born in the year 2000 with a mission to

"improve, energise & regenerate the community of Sedgefield & surrounding area by undertaking projects & managing programmes directly or with other groups & organisations, that will contribute to the improvement of the economic, social, environmental & cultural quality of the life of residents, those who work in & around the town or are visitors to it."

After a survey of residents, one of the Trust's earliest projects was Sedgefield News. Some were fairly short-lived, like the remarkable First Responders, which served for as long as the Ambulance Service needed it; IT training, Digital Photography and the Youth Drop In were early successes. Others are enjoying a long life, like Sedgefield Energy Switch, DIDO, the revived Farmers' Market, Sew Easy and the user-friendly website, SedgefieldWeb. The Bees at Hardwick are thriving and in the last month, we have seen Homework Help make a start.

All of these ideas came from imaginative people in this vibrant community, proving that it's always worth asking the question, and that's exactly what took place a couple of years ago. As a result of someone asking the right question, Sedgefield Development Trust is proud to announce its latest project:

Woodland & Wildlife. A patch of ground is about to come to life! SDT hopes it will be a joy to volunteers and users for many years, and a small contribution to greening our part of the world. Would you like to get to be involved?

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Bank closure

Barclays Bank customers have received letters out of the blue, announcing the closure of the Sedgefield branch on 11th May: the decision is based on their finding that "fewer customers are using the branch to do their everyday banking."

The alternatives, according to the letter, are to use the next nearest branch, in Newton Aycliffe; to use a Barclays Mobile banking app or Barclays online banking; to withdraw cash and check your balance at a cash machine; and to pay in cash or cheques at the post office. Obviously these are options for some customers, but some do not have a smart mobile phone or a computer. Many like the personal touch of talking to a real person. Regular customers know that they will be met by a friendly face and someone who knows their banking needs.

Of course we shouldn't forget the staff, who also live in our community. Whilst they will be relocated to other branches, they will miss working in the village and have expressed concern, especially for their older customers. We can only wonder what will happen to the building. Is it owned by the Bank? Is it leased? Let us hope that this valuable commercial premises in the heart of the village attracts another business, which will bring in further employment.

Valentine's Day

For those together, come what may.
This second week is Valentine's day,

Young and old once took a chance,
Hand in hand to embrace romance.

Remembering when, they first met,
Still together, with no regret.

Yet for those who've loved and lost,
On this day they count the cost.

Looking back on years gone by,
A little laugh, a little cry.

With no red rose or Valentine's card,
The fourteenth of February can be hard.

The Unknown Poet 2018.

Gunner John Marshall

On December 27th, Sedgefield residents took time out of their Christmas celebrations for the final World War I commemoration of 2017 (Photo below). Gunner John Marshall served with 20th Trench Mortar Battery (Royal Garrison Artillery), rising to the rank of corporal before his death on Boxing Day 1917.

His niece Lynn and nephews Neville and John, namesake of his uncle, were very moved by the brief ceremony, also attended by John's wife Ann. Photos and notes from the day were forwarded to their sister Noreen in New Zealand.

Born in Sedgefield in 1893, John Marshall was the middle child of a family of seven. The youngest Alfred, known as Turl, father of Lynn, John, Neville, and Noreen was just 3 years old when his brother John enlisted in November 1914. His regiment would have been in the thick of battle, armed with heavy, large calibre guns and howitzers, wielding immense destructive power.

After three days home leave in August 1917, boarding the train to return to the front, prophetically he told his mother, "You won't see me again". A few months later, on December 26th, John Marshall died, aged 24 in a hospital in Boulogne on the French coast. He is remembered at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery and on Sedgefield War Memorial, where family and friends gathered in his honour on a chilly December morning 100 years on. Sedgefield LHS and the Village Veterans will be holding commemorations during most months of 2018, meeting at 10.45 am at the war memorial for a brief ceremony of about 15 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Please look out for details on posters around the village and on Sedgefield News diary page.



Steve's Nature Diary A Greener Housing Policy?

I sure that like me, you have been following with interest the number of planning applications that have been applied for in and around Sedgefield.

National government has committed to building a further 300,000 homes a year until 2022. In response to this, The Wildlife Trusts have published a new report that shows how new housing developments can be built in a way that provides people with greener, inspirational homes which help to reverse decades of wildlife and habitat decline. The Wildlife Trusts believe that the natural environment must be put at the heart of planning, in order to give the government a chance of meeting its commitment to be the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than they found it, and to build homes and communities that people enjoy living in. New houses need to be built, but over the past century we have lost natural habitats on an unprecedented scale, and the report calls on the government and local authorities to build beautiful, nature-friendly communities in the right places. Nature has its own innate value; it makes us happy and we depend on the things it gives us. The new guidelines show that it's possible to have both, so people can enjoy birdsong, reap the benefits of rain-gardens which soak up floodwater, and have plants that bees and other pollinators need to survive. With good design the costs of doing this are a tiny proportion of the overall cost of a housing development, but represent a big investment for the future.

The report goes on to say "We should prioritise places for new housing that are already well served by infrastructure. We should avoid destroying wildlife sites and locate new houses in places where they can help to restore the landscape and aid natural recovery. It's possible to create nature-friendly housing by planting wildlife-rich community green spaces, walkways, gardens, verges, roofs, wetlands and other natural features. These gains for wildlife improve people's health and quality of life too." The Wildlife Trusts' blueprint for new nature-friendly homes highlights the myriad of social, environmental and economic benefits of this approach:

- Benefits for wildlife – better protection for wildlife sites, more space for wildlife, improved connectivity and buildings that are more wildlife-friendly
- Benefits for residents – daily contact with nature, improved health, protection against climate extremes, safer transport routes, good sense of community
- Benefits for the economy and wider society – cost-effective environmental protection, employment, space to grow local food, healthier and happier communities putting less pressure on health and social services
- Benefits for developers – satisfied customers, market value, enhanced brand, improved recruitment, improved environmental ranking.

Every year Wildlife Trusts like Durham WT and the Tees Valley WT work to influence local authority planners and respond to thousands of planning applications to benefit wildlife and people alike. We also try to work in partnership with developers to influence the landscape design in and around new developments. 'Homes for people and wildlife – how to build housing in a nature-friendly way' can be downloaded by visiting: www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/homes_for_people_and_wildlife_lr_-_spreads.pdf



Successful Start Up at Sedgefield Primary Nursery

Sedgefield Primary opened its doors to three year-olds from last September and the new Pre-School Nursery is a huge hit with both parents and children. Parents are delighted with how quickly their children have settled; how much they enjoy nursery ; and the progress they have made in just a term. One of the Nursery parents said, "The Nursery is an amazing place. My son loves it. He is learning so much and hates not being there."

The Nursery was over-subscribed for its launch, but is now taking names for September 2018. The school, which in November was judged to be the 132nd Best Primary School in England in the Sunday Time Best 250 Primary Schools List, also had a very successful Ofsted Inspection before Christmas.

Headteacher, Andrea Cox would be delighted to show interested parents around the Nursery and School. Call 01740 620359 or sedgefield.primary@durhamlearning.net

Enjoying Sedgefield Primary Nursery



Meeting the Police Interceptors

Police Interceptors have helped raise more than £9,300 in memory of their colleague PC Gavin Smith. The money was raised at an afternoon tea event in aid of Butterwick Hospice which 350 fans attended on January 2nd. PC Gavin Smith who died of cancer in February 2017, had been with Durham Constabulary for 12 years and worked with the Roads Policing Unit at Spennymoor station. He was also a star of the show Police Interceptors on Channel 5.

Gavin Smith's widow, Kezi Smith and their daughter Tilly attended the event.

Kezi said: "It was a real comfort to us after Christmas, when we all missed Gav terribly. A great way to start the new year. The Interceptors did Gav proud and it was fantastic to see them joining in the spirit of things, even auctioning themselves off to raise extra cash. I am really thankful to all those involved as their effort was evident throughout. Butterwick Hospice is such as a well-deserving charity."

PCSO Lisa Hall who organised the event held at Hardwick Hall, said: 'It was amazing and the amount raised blew me away. It took a lot of hard work but it was certainly worth it in the end. Everyone loved meeting the guys and they did a great job at interacting with guests, both young and old. The feedback has been great. I even shed a tear at the end. I never met Gav personally but after hearing colleagues speak of him and knowing how well thought of he was, I just wanted to do my bit to help. I would like to thank the residents of Sedgefield, and businesses within the Sedgefield and surrounding areas who contributed raffle prizes and donations, in particular Sainsburys, Chic Hair Studio and Tickety Boo for their extremely generous donations!'



Left and below - fans of all ages meeting the Interceptors!



Fashion Trends For 2018

The festive period is over, so it's back to normality. During the dark winter days it is nice to think about adding some colour into our life. According to the Pantone Colour Institute, the colour of the year for 2018 is "ultra violet". A colour that is "dramatically provocative and thoughtful". So, what are your thoughts, given we are living in a time that requires originality and imagination. Will you embrace the colour of the year?

Enigmatic purple has long been symbolic of counterculture, unconventionality and artistic brilliance. Musical icons like Prince, David Bowie and Jimi Hendrix brought shades of violet to the forefront of the music scene as personal expressions of individuality and there has been a mystical or spiritual quality attached to a colour often associated with mindfulness practices.

So how do you wear it, this colour created by combined red and blue? Well, it's easy to pair with all colours of the spectrum. With striking golds and other metallic shades it becomes luxurious and dazzling or with green and greys it evokes natural elegance. Will you embrace "ultra violet" this season and start to define your new 2018 wardrobe?

Elena Degnan

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Letter from PC Todd

Happy New Year! The end of 2017 saw an increase in crime which I hope will not be repeated in the coming year. For instance, you may have seen the scaffolding surrounding the North side of St Edmund's church. This is in response to thieves having stolen the lead from the roof on two occasions within a week.

Turner's Garage has also become a target of criminals when a vehicle was stolen from their compound. On another occasion a number of recovery vehicles were entered and tools were stolen.

In East End a vehicle's number plates, which were subsequently used for criminal purposes in the Cleveland area, were stolen. A suspect has been arrested.

During the festive holidays a number of residents of The Meadows and Cragside became victims when their Christmas lights were vandalised by youths. CCTV footage has been recovered and, if identified, these youths will be visited by police.

Early in the New Year a car was damaged in Winterton. The footprint marks on the bonnet indicate another mindless act of damage.

Until next time, Keith

Pub Watch: A meeting was held recently in the newly opened and renamed Pickled Parson pub. Members welcomed Jamie (assistant manager) into the Pub Watch scheme and we look forward to working with all the staff in the future. I would encourage all residents to visit this tastefully refurbished pub which will complement the village's already established venues.

Pact: The Pact priority for the Neighbourhood Police Team remains the anti-social behaviour of some youths on an evening, mainly at weekends. Parents, Please could you emphasize to your children the need to be respectful and courteous at all times.

CYBER security is to come under the spotlight

as police demonstrate a live hack to encourage businesses to protect themselves. The safety of the online world is a hot topic with threats from hackers, criminals, activists, terrorists and even disgruntled employees who target vulnerable firms. Now the North East Cyber Crime Unit (NERSOU) has teamed up with local police forces to host 'cyber breakfasts' in a bid to urge businesses to protect themselves against the growing menace of cyber-crime.

Detective Sergeant Martin Wilson from NERSOU, said: "North East businesses are underprepared when it comes to cyber threats, with many having no contingency plans in place for a crisis. Whilst it is easy enough to recognise an insecure window or an unlocked door, it is not always as easy to spot that your computer system has been compromised. The purpose of these breakfasts is simple, we want to show businesses how they can be vulnerable to a cyber-attack by demonstrating a live hack with the help of Waterstons, an IT consultancy based in Durham. This may all sound like doom and gloom but it is not, we can give you the support to defend against these hacks and are offering a free vulnerability assessment service, which can give you an overview of your ICT weaknesses so you can fix them before cyber criminals find them."

The free events will take place in Durham City, Darlington and Barnard Castle and it will be a chance for businesses to speak to experts in cyber-crime and enable organisations in the North East to come together to share their experiences and learn from best practice. "Cyber-crime has been on people's radars for a while now but it is still an evolving global threat and attacks are incredibly disruptive. It is a growing part of the workload of policing in UK," said DS Wilson whose team has recently expanded to deal with these type of crimes. "We are a dedicated team of detectives here to protect businesses and members of the public," he added.

The events are free but tickets are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Go to eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyber-security-business-breakfast-tickets-42037482241

Call 101 to contact Local Police

to report concerns, seek advice or pass on information. It is advisable to keep notes of the conversation & obtain an incident number.

To contact PCLO Faye Callan

Call 101 - extension 742317 email faye.callan@durham.pnn.police.uk

Antisocial behaviour

This continues to be an issue raised by many people in Sedgefield and Fishburn. Our local police do react to reports of problems, and here is an example;

Issue: 28 December 2017. Anti-Social Behaviour in Eden Drive and surrounding areas.

Action: Targeted patrols by the Beat Team and Special Constabulary. Dispersal notice in place for various weekends. Five Community Protection Notices issued to parents of youths found drinking in the area.

If you wish to speak to a representative from the neighbourhood policing team You are welcome to attend the next PACT meeting on 27th February between 7-8pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. PC Todd reports on these meetings every month on this page and your input would be welcomed.

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Ceddesfeld Hall

Home of Sedgefield Community Association (SCA)

SCA is delighted that the New Year sees new events and activities coming to Ceddesfeld Hall. Tiny Talk (baby signing and toddler talking) begin weekly sessions on Thursday 25th January, from 9.30 am to 10.30 am in the main hall.

Tiny Talk is a national organisation, now in its 15th year, which delivers classes to over 7000 families a week. With their much-loved mix of lively nursery rhymes, multi-sensory toys, instruments, books and playtime, with a special focus on easy-to-learn signs and the importance of understanding each other; it's a lesson not to be missed! After the session, there is social time with hot drinks, biscuits and a chance to chat to other parents/carers and make long lasting friendships, for you and your babies! For information, please contact Emma Francis, on 01483 301444 or visit www.tinytalk.co.uk

Due to popular demand, a new beginner's ukulele class starts at 8 pm on Friday 9th February and continues every second Friday. Sessions cost £3 and are run by Lol Crallan. Call 01740 621729 for further information.

An Open Mic night is planned for Saturday 17th February. Entry is £3 which can be paid on the door. See p7. There are plans to decorate the bar and foyer, beginning in February, and spring time brings the Easter Picnic on Easter Monday and St George's Dinner on April 21st. Both events help the preparation of Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre which takes place on Saturday 19th May. Further ahead we have Sedgefield Community Day, June 23rd, the Beer Festival, 6th & 7th July and the Folk Festival, 31st August/1st September. The second book festival event 'Sedgefield Book Ends' begins on Saturday 29th September and runs to 20th October. We really hope to build on last year. So there's a lot going on and all are welcome to get involved by taking part or volunteering. The newly laid out SCA website provides a full programme of annual events and details of the different organisations which regularly meet at Ceddesfeld Hall. You will also find information on room hire, bar opening times and useful contacts. Take a look and see!

For more information, contact Wendy: 01740 620206, Pat: 01740 620607, Sarah: 01740 622185 or visit www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk

Sedgefield Development Trust Annual General Meeting

7.45 pm on February 12th 2018 in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

A short business meeting, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet the trustees & volunteers, and to talk about current and future projects.

Any special or general resolutions proposed must be with the Company at its registered office, 7 Melgrove Way, Sedgefield, TS21 2JN, no later than 12 noon on Friday 9th February. Nominations for Directors must be with the Company Secretary no later than 12 noon Friday 9th February. This AGM is an open, public meeting. SDT is owned and controlled by the community. Sedgefield Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee; Company Number: 4312745 and is a registered charity; Charity Number: 1100806

SDT Projects

News from Sedgefield Development Trust

Top of the news this month is a new project which begins its practical work next month, on a patch of ground on the Northern boundary of NETPark.

Trees and hedging for a new woodland and wildflower meadow (our provisional name is Winterton Wood) are ordered and they will be planted in March!

840 trees, some tools and lots of advice and practical help, are coming from the Woodland Trust, with hedging plants and wildflower seeds to be provided by Business Durham, part of Durham County Council.

Both organisations have given this project their full backing, and share our hope that we can create a place that will be enjoyed by generations to come.

This is all happening because at a Farmers' Market a couple of years ago, someone new to the area spoke to our chairman, saying that she would like to plant trees. Well, it has taken a while to organise, but here we are at last.

So, if you would like to help make a wood, meet us at our AGM - see top of page, or catch us at the SDT or the Woodland Trust stall at the next Farmers' Market, or text Roger on **07803 269956**, including your email address in the message.

An initial site meeting for volunteers has been arranged (subject to weather!) at 11am on Saturday 24th February. You'll be given directions when you contact us.



Homework Help is up and running!

Some DBS checks have been completed, others are pending. We have particular strengths in maths, physics, chemistry and French up to A-Level; biology, humanities and English up to GCSE. We're happy to help pupils and students aged from about 8 upwards. If we haven't listed your topic of interest, please get in touch and we'll see what we can do. We have received a request for help with A-Level biology, but the team is not really able to respond adequately. We'd love to be able to help, so if anyone is willing and able to, please contact me. *Tamzin Lafford.*

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Sedgefield Farmers' Market Sunday 4th February

The community stall in February sees the return of The Woodland Trust after a very successful visit in January. They will be promoting our tree planting in March of course, as well as their own activities. In stall news, anyone lucky enough to taste Pushpa's Home Cooked Indian Snacks in January will be pleased to know that she's back this month, along with other regular stalls returning after their winter break.

Sedgefield Energy Switch: DATE CORRECTION

In our January article we said that you need to register for this Auction if you are already with the scheme, with First Utility as your current supplier and your existing energy contract ending before the end of April 2018. **This should have stated BEFORE THE END OF MAY 2018.** Our apologies if this error has inconvenienced you. So, for those in the above category as well as anyone interested in joining for the first time, the Registration period is open until **FEBRUARY 12TH 2018**. There is still time to register, although time is getting short. If you would like any further information or need any assistance, please call the Sedgefield Development Trust Helpline on **07980 134 594** and we will be more than happy to help.

You can contact SDT via individual project phone numbers & email addresses, or email sedgefielddevelopmenttrust@hotmail.co.uk



The Pied Piper

Review, Liz Flanagan. Photos, John Finlayson

Another successful Panto run brought a fantastic high to the end of a year of productions from Sedgefield Players. Playing to packed houses the cast brought the usual fun and frivolity to the Parish Hall. The story of the Pied Piper ridding the town of Hamelin of a plague of rats came with the usual song, dance and comedy.

The Piper, Sarah Legender was aided by the usual characters - Dame 'Helga Von Trump', fabulously played by Tom Guest, alongside Willie, Kieron O'Donnell, not forgetting Blatter & Splatter, the towns idle rat catchers, Sarah Atkinson & Jacqui O'Meara, bossed by Burgomeister, Dave Jasper, with Town Clerk Hans, and girlfriend Heidi, keeping things under control at The Bier Keller.

Of course, no panto is complete without the usual boos and hisses at the town baddies, Rat-Worst and his leader Sour-Kraut, played by Terry West and Viv Jacobs. Fairy Strudel lightened the mood, played by Rebecca Garfield and it was all topped off by a host of villagers and dancers made up of our fantastic SPYS.

This year's technical team comprised of Tom Guest and Gill Rowe as Director and Choreographer; Walter Howell as Set Designer; Adam White as technical manager alongside Tom Hearmon and Ciaran Lines, who operated the shows; CDB Production Solutions who provided pyrotechnics and special effects for the run of the shows; Ian Thurgood, who staged managed; and Jeanney Iveson, who did a fantastic job with the costumes.

The panto was a great success and we are very grateful for the amount of time put in by those working front of house and as chaperones - not to forget the support of our wonderful audiences.



Ceddesfeld Open Mic

The next Open Mic evening will be on Saturday 17th February, with doors open at 7.30 and performances starting at 8.00. The bar will be open as usual and the atmosphere is always great. If you haven't checked it out before, then come along, maybe bring an instrument, or just your voice, and enjoy an evening of performances. Entry is free for what is always an excellent evening of entertainment.

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Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St Edmund's Church will be serving delicious pancakes and hot drinks in the Parish Hall from 10am - noon on **Tuesday 13th February.**

Do come along and help our campaign to raise money to replace the church roof.



Costumes and wigs have now been packed away until 2018 when audiences can expect to see a certain magic slipper...

There's plenty to come before that though.

In March the Players present Gail Young's 'Bothered and Bewildered'. It's a wonderful and poignant story about a woman and her family dealing with Alzheimer's, as she has unexpected visits from a certain famous romantic novelist.

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We have had a proper taste of winter in recent weeks and that has played a bit of havoc with the sporting programme. We've seen plenty of local football matches fall victim to the weather and even Sedgefield parkrun and junior parkrun have been forced to cancel an event or two. However, I'm pleased to confirm that there's still plenty of indoor and outdoor action to write about!

Squash

Jess Weatherspoon recently returned from competing in the biggest junior competition in the world, the prestigious British Junior Open, and can now claim to be in the top 30 for her age group globally.

Jess was one of only seven English under 13 girls to qualify for the event, which attracts the cream of squash talent from around the world to our shores every January. As well as formidable national squads from Egypt, Malaysia and the USA, players travel from as far away as South Korea, Japan and New Zealand to compete in the 650+ strong field. It's no surprise that past winners now make up the majority of the senior top 20 players for both men and women, including England's Nick Matthew, James Wilstrop and Emily Whitlock.

This year's tournament was held in Birmingham for the first time, and was the largest on record. Innovations included a purpose-built glass show court for the biggest matches, and live streaming of games on the internet. The open was played as a multi-match monrad draw rather than in a straight knock-out format, meaning that every player was guaranteed five games over the course of the week. Despite avoiding the feared Egyptians and Malaysians, who between them provided 14 of the 20 finalists, Jess still faced a tough test with matches against the US number four, and number one players from Canada and the Czech Republic. She managed to win one of her five matches, and just missed out on a winning finish in a narrow defeat to the English number four late on the Saturday night, which many friends and family were able to watch live on YouTube!

The week proved to be a fantastic and memorable experience for Jess. Not only did she play at the very highest level of her sport, she also had the opportunity to meet girls and boys from a variety of cultures and backgrounds, as well as enjoying the camaraderie of her fellow English players as they supported one another's matches, and socialised away from the courts. And Jess' most abiding memory? "Snapping my racket in the warm-up for my first game! Me and the American girl I was playing just looked at one another and burst out laughing, while Dad ran to the changing rooms to get a spare. If anything, it made me more relaxed and able to enjoy the game."

Well done to Jess. Look out for more updates on her squash career here soon.

Elsewhere, the start of 2018 saw Sedgefield Squash Club leap straight back into action with the closing rounds of the individual handicap. In the final, Gordon Peden claimed victory over the 2016 champion Chris Stephenson, winning 15-6, 15-12. A good crowd came to see a well fought match played in a great spirit. January also saw the county championships take place - news of the exploits of Sedgefield players next month, along with team and membership updates from the club.

Rugby Union

After an extended break over Christmas, Sedgefield District RUFC made a slow start to the year, with defeats against the top two teams in their division, losing to Whitley Bay Rockcliff (14-25) and Acklam (53-5). Sedgefield remain well placed in Durham & Northumberland Division 2 at the midpoint of the season, and will look to cement a position in the top half of the table with a series of home fixtures over the next few weeks.

Sedgefield Saxons appeared to be making a better start to 2018 in early January, racing to a 17-0 lead against Newtonians, but the Saxons took their foot off the pedal to let the Aycliffe men back into the game. They couldn't rally to close the match out, slipping to a 17-29 defeat.

February home fixtures for the club:

1st team: 3rd Feb v Ryton; 10th Feb v Newton Aycliffe; 17th Feb v Sunderland; 24th Feb v Hartlepool
Saxons: 17th Feb v Seaton Carew II; 24th Feb v Hartlepool BBOB.

Athletics

It has been a busy start to the year for Sedgefield Harriers, with members competing in events from day one. 2018 kicked off with a small group of Harriers tackling the Captain Cook's Race on New Year's Day, completing a multi-terrain five-mile course from Great Ayton to Captain Cook's Monument and back. The steep climb and subsequent descent certainly blew away the cobwebs for Chris Lines, Mark Raine, David Walker, Ray Carmichael and Ciaran Lines (in the junior race). A few days later, seniors and juniors ran in the latest Harrier League cross country fixture in Herrington Park, Sunderland. On a challenging and very muddy course, the Harriers put in some strong performances, which saw the senior men gain a place in Division 2 of the league and put themselves in a strong position to retain their status in the division, with two races left in the season.

The following day, almost 30 Harriers took part in the Stuart Pailor Memorial (Old Monks) Trail Race, a tough and hilly multi-terrain run of around five miles that takes runners in and out of Castle Eden Dene twice. Four Sedgefield runners finished in the top 20, led by Justin Cox who was ninth in an impressive time of 34:45. Lisa Darby was the first Sedgefield lady to cross the line, and third lady overall, in 42:22.

A week later, Sedgefield Harriers hosted the club's first event of the year, the Winter Handicap for the Gerry Kearsley Trophy. Working back from an hour,

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Ryan Towler tries to break through the Newtonians defence for Sedgefield Saxons with Luke Towler in support



Sedgefield Harriers' senior men team ahead of a muddy cross country race in Herrington Park



Athletics continued... runners were given a handicap based on their best recent 10k time (e.g. someone with a personal best of 45 minutes ran off a 15 minute handicap). Starting and finishing just outside Fishburn, the six mile course followed trails to Bishop Middleham and back. Because of the handicap system, almost all of the runners finish within a few minutes of each other, making for some exciting racing and hard fought results.

The overall winner was Callum Darby, a junior Sedgefield Harrier making his debut at the distance and running off a handicap of five minutes. Callum was of course also the first Harrier home, while the first Sedgefield lady over the line was Sue Dobson. The fastest man was Chris Lines and the fastest lady was Jane Spink. Congratulations to Callum on a well-deserved win!

Race director Ean Parsons expressed his gratitude to the volunteers who made the event possible, to Fishburn Club for agreeing to be race HQ again, and to the late Eamonn Murtagh who had donated trophies for the handicap.

That's all for this month. Please send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Sedgefield U3A

Having enjoyed a wide variety of informative and interesting speakers at our monthly meetings last year we were not disappointed when January's talk by Barbara Dixon, a retired Registrar, proved equally entertaining. Her talk, while detailing the more official details and restraints of the office, also gave many opportunities for funny stories – through odd spellings of names, misunderstandings on both sides of the desk and the need to prompt some ethnic minorities of the need to stay within British law - and it's not just Births, Deaths and Marriages which have to be registered...

Our February Meeting will be on **Bee Keeping**. Roger Chappel will talk us through the history, the present and the future of this essential skill.

If you are bemused, irritated, or perhaps even unaware of **Smart Motorways**, come and join us at our March Meeting, when Mal Bell will explain the rational and engineering behind them and how traffic management methods to increase capacity and reduce congestion in particularly busy areas are deployed.

U3A is a group for retired or semi-retired people who wish to maintain a healthy, lively and enquiring lifestyle – particularly as age catches up with us. Our monthly meetings take place in the **Parish Hall at 2-4pm on the first Friday of each month**; do come along and join us, listen to our speaker, have a coffee and find out all about what we offer in Sedgefield and district.

The first Memory Café had lots of cake and some excellent, memory prompting displays.



Letters & thanks

Scouts say thanks

After a few missed years we again offered a local Christmas card delivery service to residents of Sedgefield, for a Donation to the Group's funds. This year we raised £129. Thank you very much to all who used the service and donated. We hope to repeat it next Christmas. However, we have 3 cards that we have been unable to deliver due to the lack of correct address information. We will keep these cards until mid February at the scout hall. They will be available to see on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm.

*Yours in Scouting, Hugh Dunlop, AESL St Edmund's Explorer Group
1st Sedgefield Scout Troop.*

Well done Lesley

Congratulations to Lesley Swinbank, our previous Town Clerk, on being awarded the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) National Award for 2017. The Award recognises excellence in the Clerks' profession.

Lesley was Sedgefield Town Clerk for many years before moving on to work both regionally and nationally.

Julia Bowles

Memory Cafe

Many thanks to everyone who attended the launch event for our Memory Cafe at the Fire Station on Friday 15th December. It was a great success and marvellous to see so many there. A big Thank You to the local businesses and members of the community who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The café will be open once again on **Thursday 22nd February 10.30-1200.**

If you, family, friends or neighbours are affected by dementia, please come along enjoy a cuppa and a chat. If you are a local business and would like to know what you can do to help make Sedgefield a Dementia Friendly Community please feel free to join us. For further information contact Jill Anderson 07940 111442, Andrew Wells 07809 893086 or Dorothy Anderson

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Fri 2 nd	U3A: 2pm in the Parish Hall. Roger Chappel: Bee keeping; Past, Present & Future. Members free, Visitors welcome, £3 at the door. Sedgefield Veterans' Coffee Morning: Parish Hall, 10am to noon.
Sat 3 rd	Drop in Surgeries: Cllr John Robinson. 9 – 9.45am Bradbury & Mordon Village Hall; 10 – 11am Sedgefield Library; 11.15 – 12 pm Fishburn Community Centre.
Sun 4 th	New Generation Church: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30pm. Sedgefield Farmers' Market: On the village green from 8.30am .
Mon 5 th	Sedgefield Local History Society: Norman Cornish by Mike Thornton. Ceddesfeld Hall @ 7.45pm. Methodist Wives and Friends: Musical Evening by George Hetherington. Methodist Church Hall @ 7.30pm.
Wed 7 th	Sedgefield WI (1918-2018) Centenary Dinner: 6.30 for 7pm @ Hardwick Hall
Fri 9 th	Cricket Club Quiz: First Friday night quiz. 8pm. Quizmaster, Tony Magee. Entry fee £1 per person. Sedgefield in Bloom: Gardeners' Question Time. 7.30 pm in The Parish Hall. tickets £5. Put your gardening queries to a team of RHS expert judges. Sedgefield Country Market: Parish Hall 10am to 11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants, Refreshments. For information call 629441.
Sun 11 th	New Generation Church: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30pm.
Tue 13 th	Sedgefield Ladies Club: Cards & Gifts by Linda Nolan. Ceddesfeld Hall @ 8pm St Edmund's Church Event: Pancakes in the Parish Hall from 10am to 12:00pm. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting: 7pm in The Fletcher Room, The Parish Hall. All Welcome.
Fri 16 th	Sedgefield in Bloom Coffee Morning: 10-11.30 am @ The Parish Hall. Refreshments, stalls, raffle & tombola. Live Music Night at Sedgefield Cricket Club: 7.30 pm. Main guest: Haley Sisters. Also featuring: Tom Thorne, John Weighell and John Wrightson Band. Admission £11, includes buffet. Tel 621347.
Sun 18 th	New Generation Church: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30pm.
Tue 20 th	Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club: "Something Old, Something New" by Demonstrator, Wendy Smith. 7.30 pm @ The Parish Hall, Sedgefield. Members Free, Non Members-£5
Thu 22 nd	Sedgefield Memory Café: 10.30 - 12. @ Sedgefield Fire Station.
Fri 23 rd	Macmillan Cancer Support: Coffee Morning @ The Parish Hall. 9.30 to 11.30am. The Mayor's Annual Civic Ball: Hardwick Hall: 7pm for 7.30. Tickets £30 .
Sun 25 th	Snowdrop Walk in Hardwick Park from 12 noon - 3pm. Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of the charity, Child Bereavement UK. For information, contact 8000 02 888 40 or visit childbereavementuk.org
Tue 27 th	Mordon and District Ladies Circle: Jewels of Imperial China by Lesley and Suzanne. Mordon and Bradbury Village Hall, Mordon @ 7.30pm

The Annual Civic Ball

The Mayor's Charity Ball, hosted by Cllr David and Mrs Elizabeth Brown, will be held at Hardwick Hall on the evening of Friday, February 23rd. Guests are invited to attend the Mayor's reception from 7pm and be seated for dinner at 7.30pm. The evening will include tombola, an auction and dancing to The Gastric Band - local musicians based in Mordon Village Hall. All proceeds towards The Great North Air Ambulance Service, The Macular Society and other local good causes. The Ball is a Black Tie Event. Tickets £30 each. Email from the Town Council Offices, call 01740 621273 email: jane@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

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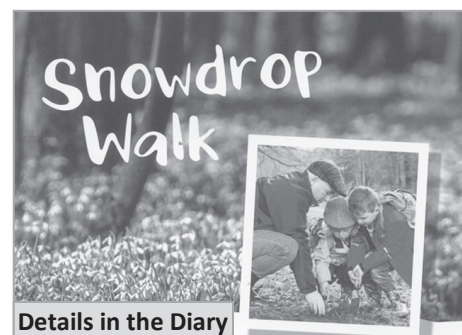
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