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# Sedgefield NEWS

## January 2011

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all our readers



*Our thanks to Eddie Orwin for this beautiful picture of St. Edmund's in the snow.*

## Ken Saiger is Sedgefield's Citizen of the Year for 2010



*Ken Saiger receiving his award from the mayor, Allan Blakemore, with Mel Broadbelt (Rotary) on the left and Roger Clubley (Sedgefield Development Trust) on the right.*

A very surprised Ken Saiger was presented with an illuminated certificate and engraved glass decanter on becoming Sedgefield's 'Citizen of the Year' for 2010 - he thought he had come to take photographs of the award ceremony! In presenting the award the Mayor, Cllr. Allan Blakemore, reflected on the many things Ken was involved with. He is a founder member of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and was instrumental in the introduction of the Flask in Fridge which gives vital information to the emergency services. He has raised awareness of the need to improve the safety and security of the elderly, disabled and vulnerable in their homes, fitting security measure and smoke alarms to peoples' homes. He was also instrumental in getting improved bus services to help the elderly and disabled. Ken's own take on the ceremony is on page 4.



## Snapshots of Sedgefield



Thanks to many kind readers of Snapshots of Sedgefield, the Local History Society gained over 150 extra photographs last year, as well as a fund of interesting information. We even acquired some historical objects from the wonderful Tommy Johnson of Ferryhill. Sedgefield born and bred, Tommy has a phenomenal memory and took us for a fascinating walk round Sedgefield, from the comfort of his own armchair, naming the people who lived in virtually every house. As well as several other pictures and documents, he loaned us this great footballing photograph of St. Edmund's AFC pre 1939. The goalie is Tucker (also known as Tosher) Sirrell, next to him on the right is Eddie Kent, at either end the Lockhead brothers, Reg on the left, Gay on the right. In the front row on the left is Ken Nokes, on the right Geordie Davison, who worked in the council offices and, sadly, was killed in the war. Third right is Jack Iceton. If you can name any of the other players or have any information about the team, please contact me on 01740-620091 or email [norma@neal.myzen.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.myzen.co.uk). Sedgefield Local History Society meets the first Monday of every month at 7.45 pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. New members and one-off visitors are very welcome. In December's snapshot of amateur dramatics at the rectory, Sandra Coyle spotted her grandmother, Elsie Pratt (nee Such, later Koch) second left in the back row, wearing a top hat.

## Sedgefield 700

Plans are well on the way for a whole host of exciting events in 2012 to mark the 700th anniversary of the granting of Sedgefield's market charter. Local organisations have come together under the banner of Sedgefield 700 to ensure that the important date is marked in fine style. A new market cross, similar to the design for the Ball Game statue, will be unveiled. The year also features the London Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, so we have plenty to celebrate. Street parties, tea parties, school Olympics and gymnastics, a flower festival, an open gardens day, a St. George's night, a pancake race, a ghost walk, a town crier competition, a Sedgefield 700 village photograph. Just a few of the treats in store. The Local History Society will launch two books, a history of Victorian Sedgefield and a children's history of the village. Sedgefield Players June production will be based upon events of 700 years ago. The Veterans plan a Forces Day on the green with troops marching through the village. The Round Table, Rotary Club, Racecourse and Hardwick Park will organise special events and the schools will be involved in all sorts of interesting projects. All this in addition to fireworks, concerts, the Mediaeval Fayre and festivals of beer, music and drama. The Sedgefield 700 group has its next meeting in the council offices at 10 am on Friday January 14. Do come along if you'd like to be involved or contact the council offices on 01740- 621273.



## Breast is Best!



Our "Page 3" model, John Doyle, with the winning pair.

In response to a request for some teaching aids which Health Visitors use as part of their educational tools to encourage and support new mum's who wish to breast feed, the members of DIDO rose to the occasion and, with the help of a pattern specifically designed by the company Tommee Tippee, they came up with 26 knitted breasts. They decided to have a little competition and our volunteer helper John Doyle kindly offered to judge – *he probably wouldn't have been so willing if he had known what he was about to judge* - however as you can see John has modelled the '**winning pair**' and I am sure you will agree they look very nice too.

All are being donated to the local Health Visitors for Sedgefield Area. Thanks to all DIDO members for their help and a big thank you to John for being such a good sport.

## Christmas cheer

What a wonderful gesture especially at a time when the economic situation is not at its best, here are a couple of business people who still found time to think of others.

On Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> Richard and Wayne, the new proprietors of the Hardwick Arms provided a very special treat to 45 residents of Sedgefield who had been nominated to enjoy a complimentary, three course, Christmas meal. The meal was excellent with lovely hot soup and rolls, followed by traditional turkey dinner and afterwards Christmas pudding. Truly delicious. Some of our more senior citizens had not been able to get out and about because of the snow for over two weeks, and they said this could not have come at a better time. They said, 'It is not the fact that people cannot afford to pay for a meal it is the very fact that Richard and Wayne have offered to do this - this is

what is important. To quote a very well known saying, 'Actions speak louder than words'. Thank you so much to both of you and to your staff.

p.s. We have heard on the grapevine that it could be happening again next year – so watch this space!!



## Sedgefield Development Trust Limited

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

#### This is to give notice that Sedgefield Development Trust Limited

will hold its Annual General Meeting on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at  
7.45 pm  
**at No 58 Front Street,  
Sedgefield.**

Any special or general resolutions proposed must be with the Company at its registered office no later than  
12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

All nominations for Directors must be with the Company Secretary by latest noon Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

This AGM is an open, public meeting.

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Sedgefield Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee;  
Company Number: 4312745  
and is a registered charity;  
Charity Number: 1100806

# Community SAFETY



## Thank you from Ken Saiger

As those present will have observed, I was taken by great surprise and much humility when I was called away from my "intended" photographic task at the Mayor's Awards ceremony on Thursday 9th December -to be told I was the recipient of this year's Sedgefield's Citizen of the year award. The photographic task it dawned on me was a well cooked up ruse by Lesley Swinbank to ensure I would be present on the evening. For as all who know me my evenings out nowadays are usually to attend the meetings of our Neighbourhood Watch.

I was literally knocked for six and even now still feel less than worthy at being selected for such a great honour; however I am immensely proud to have not just been considered but to have actually been chosen to receive such a prestigious award and I sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Sedgefield, Sedgefield Development Trust, the Town Council of Sedgefield, Mayor of Sedgefield Alan Blakemore, Lesley Swinbank, John Robinson for making this award possible and all those who contributed and supported my nomination.

I am flattered and even now somewhat shell shocked for all the kind words that were spoken about me on the evening, thank you all.

However I believe that this award and the recognition it bestows is really an award for our Neighbourhood Watch for all that I have achieved in helping others in the Village would not have been achieved without the dedicated work, support and efforts made by our members in N/Hood Watch and none more so than our Executive Team.

So I feel this recognition is one that goes to us all and I especially wish to thank Edith Ferguson, Jeannette & Wilf Garbutt, Phyllis Hillerby, David Hillerby, Linda Maddison, Joe McKenna, Ann Oliver, Margaret Stewart and Ron Suddes most especially for their continued support in our endeavours to make our Village a safe place to live and in being good neighbours in our community.

Of course none of this would be possible without the continued support provided by our local Police, Community Support and Town Council staff, thank you all.

It has been heart warming to reflect on the fact that our efforts to keep Neighbourhood Watch going actually have a value to more than we see attending the meetings and brings me a degree of optimism that when us "oldies" are no longer able to continue there will be people who will keep our N/H/Watch alive and viable.

Finally I must repeat my most sincere thanks to all present at the Mayor's presentation and to all the "Volunteers" whose hard work and time is given to make the annual Citizen's award so valuable and successful each year -

**Thank you one and all,  
Ken Saiger**

## Neighbourhood Watch News

We are sorry to our members that we felt it necessary to cancel our Dec. meeting due to the bad weather.

Our next Panel meeting will take place in February 2011 details will appear in the Feb. issue of S.News as usual; where members will no doubt personally congratulate Ken on his well deserved recognition.

Members & Residents alike are urged to keep vigilant, keep your doors locked and keep a light on in the home, look out for your neighbours and report any suspicious activity from strangers or vehicles out of place or any concerns to our local Police and of course the regular issue of dog fouling please report this to the Chilton Control Centre (they are still **not** receiving complaints from Sedgefield).

To Record/Report a Problem/ Out of place vehicle or a Concern for -  
**(Council) Neighbourhood Warden** Tim Spearey ring: Chilton Control Room on **01388 721351**

**Local Police ring: 0345 60 60 365**

NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident number.

**For advice / assistance: -**

**Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lounds, Telephone 01325 742714**  
**Community Liaison Officer - Neil Langthorne, Telephone 01325 742755**

## PC Todd reports

Lead thefts continue to dominate the crime figures for Sedgefield and local villages, with further reports of theft from St. Edmund's church, Ceddesfeld Hall and Hardwick Hall, more recently the Dun Cow became a victim.

On the positive side four persons have now been arrested in Trimdon for this type of crime, only time and extensive enquiries will confirm if they were responsible for our thefts.

The female member of staff at the BP garage in North End is to be congratulated for recently standing up to a thug who demanded she hand over the contents of her till. After a short struggle and screams for help, this coward ran off into West Park Lane and over the show field. He is described as dressed all in black with gloves, hat and scarf covering his face. This occurred at 11:30 am on Tuesday 14th December. He was loitering outside the garage prior to his attack. If you noticed him or know who he is, please let us know.

*Many thanks, Keith*

## P.A.C.T.

There was no meeting this month because of the inclement weather. Therefore, the priorities remain the same. Parking issues on the Zebra Crossing, outside Theakstons and Sainsburys.

## Pub Watch.

A meeting was held recently in Ceddesfeld Hall, no issues were raised which required further action from members.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year - but please remember **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE** - the police will still be out on patrol.

## Remember your rent as well as the presents this Christmas

Tenants in County Durham are being urged to remember their rent as well as the presents this Christmas. Landlord SBH is reminding tenants not to spoil their new year by spending their cash on presents without taking care of their bills. Tracey Jackson, head of homes for SBH, said: "A happy Christmas can easily turn into a miserable new year if you fall into debt. "It is very important that our tenants continue to pay their rent over the festive period. Anyone in difficulty should not hesitate to contact us and our financial inclusion team will be happy to help them. Rent can be paid to SBH by direct debit and standing order, at a PayPoint, by card over the phone on 01388 814704 or online at: [www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldboroughhomes.co.uk). SBH's financial inclusion team can be contacted on 0800 587 4538 or 0300 111 2344.



## Jottings from the Residents' Forum meeting

The December meeting did not go ahead as there were only 6 of us turned up (sensible people stayed 'tucked up' at home) so we 'retired' to Dun Cow and put the 'world to rights' there!!!

So just a quick update – we are still pursuing the Section 106 monies overdue for use in our village. Through asking a Freedom of Information question we have been told that the original £45850 given to the Local Authority by the developer has accrued £8033 interest. However, Durham County Council (DCC) states "The interest amounts are not attached each project because the monies go into a general interest bearing account. The interest that is earned is incidental to the project and it reflects the time between the capital being committed and the project being completed." Despite asking we have been given no further update on progress on this 106 agreement, but will maintain efforts to get this money appropriately spent in our village.

We had some success on footpath repairs, after Cllr Brown contacted highways we had a very helpful meeting with officers from DCC Highways (really refreshing to find some DCC Officers who know about customer service). The Officers gave commitment to some repairs so long as the weather held out to December 16<sup>th</sup> to allow time for works – so the snow has certainly stopped that and the Officer could not give any commitment into next year's budgets – so we will have to keep up the pressure for repairs next year. One point of concern is that DCC think some areas are the responsibilities of our Town Council (TC) but the TC believe it to be DCC responsibility!

No further update on the Spring Lane wind turbines either, we are still awaiting planning officers recommendations on the application and the date of the planning meeting. But in the mean time the group of residents from Spring Lane/Foxton Lane are working on their case of objection. They do need your support on this issue so please watch out for updates and support your fellow residents

Our approach to the Sedgefield Together Group to try to form a comprehensive communication group for our village to cut out some of the duplication and confusion has only resulted in the Together Group agreeing to establish a 'virtual' network (email communication) to inform people who are 'signed up' to receive information. So at this point in time the Residents Forum will carry on as we are but we would really welcome residents to come along to the February meeting and give us your views.

So the next meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 7pm in the Fletcher Room – there will be a reminder in the January Sedgefield News. So we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2011.

One final thank you to the Sedgefield News team for all their hard work in keeping our village informed over the past year. Sedgefield News is one of the best projects ever established in our village – thanks to you all.

## Sedgefield in Bloom

Sedgefield in Bloom raised an impressive £400 at a Christmas coffee morning, when intrepid villagers braved the snow to boost the funds. Barbara and Howard Smith borrowed a sledge to transport the magnificent hamper they had prepared and which raised over £125. Visitors enjoyed ginger wine as well as tea and coffee with home made scones and cakes. Christmas table centres, home-made cakes, gifts and the tombola all proved very popular. Sedgefield in Bloom volunteer secretary Anne Petty said, "We're still on the lookout for recipes using garden produce to include in the Sedgefield in Bloom recipe book. Also, any old iron farming implements to restore and plant up." With offers of help, please contact the council offices on 621273 or email [angela.simpson@sedgefield.net](mailto:angela.simpson@sedgefield.net). The next Sedgefield in Bloom meeting is in the council offices at 10am on Wednesday January 12. Come and join us !



*Barbara and Howard Smith with their magnificent hamper*

## Sedgefield Players



Award-winning drama group Sedgefield Players recently celebrated forty years of performing with a party for members past and present. The parish hall was decorated in bright reds for the ruby anniversary. A display of photographs selected from hundreds of productions brought back fond memories and raised plenty of laughter. Everyone enjoyed the delicious hot buffet and scrumptious desserts. A celebration cake carried the tragedy and comedy drama masks in gold on a background of red stage curtains. Organiser Viv Jacobs, social secretary for Sedgefield Players, said "We celebrated our 25th anniversary in similar style 15 years ago and were delighted that this repeat performance was such a great success." Martin Nesbitt from Saltburn provided musical and comedy entertainment and the grand raffle raised £141 for Butterwick Hospice. Sedgefield Players meet every Wednesday and Sunday at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The youth section SPYS, aged 7-17, meet on Sundays from 6.30-7.30pm. New members are very welcome, on stage, backstage or front of house. Further information is available on the group's website [www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk) or contact Chairman Norma Neal on 01740-620091.

Another year draws to a close and 2010 has certainly been blessed with some fantastic sport, both close to home and around the globe. We've seen the Commonwealth Games in Delhi (which eventually went very well despite some, er, teething problems) and the FIFA World Cup, which was a triumph for the vuvuzela and Spain (but a disaster for Italy, France and, inevitably, England). Further football disappointment was to follow at the start of this month, when FIFA awarded the right to host the 2018 tournament to Russia. I don't think I'm alone in believing that the whole bidding process was a bit of a farce really, and that the final result was, shall we say, somewhat pre-ordained. What Sepp wants, Sepp gets. Despite the many significant deficiencies of the England 2018 team and their campaign, the whole FIFA circus was a downright disgrace (in my humble opinion). The great shame is that the various Candidate Host Cities around England did a great job in their own contributions to the overall bid, with no reward. They included Sunderland and NewcastleGateshead, both of which would have been fantastic hosts for World Cup matches. Oh well, perhaps 2030 will be the year for England. And as for Qatar being chosen to host the 2022 tournament...

The cricket season has also been entertaining. England finally won a global trophy, bagging the World Twenty20 Cup early in the year. However, everything in 2010 was a warm up for the Ashes, which are underway in Australia now. It was all looking so good for England after the first two Tests, but as I type this, it is very likely that the teams will be level as they prepare for Boxing Day in Melbourne. Never a dull moment. Meanwhile, in Sedgefield, the Harriers have gone from strength to strength, as has the squash club, the rugby club and the cricket club. And on the football pitch, both NETPark FC and the Black Lion FC were promoted from their respective league divisions, Sedgefield Youth FC continued to develop well and St. Edmund's FC performed well near the top of the Durham District League. And of course Bradley Saunders won a boxing silver medal at the Commonwealth Games.

But forget all of that, it's time for the darts! The PDC World Darts Championship is already underway, and has been pretty underwhelming so far (pre-Christmas). It reminds me of the group stages of the Champions League – a bit dull, but helps to fill the coffers of the organisers and the TV company. It'll soon pick up though, and no sooner is one world champion crowned than the more established BDO global tournament will begin over at the Lakeside, Frimley Green. So, it's silly nicknames, tungsten and slightly ridiculous commentary to the fore for the next few weeks. Bliss!

### Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club hosted the sixth mini-squash competition for local primary schools recently. The competition and pre-competition coaching again attracted three schools: Sedgefield Primary, St. William's (Trimdon), and Trimdon Juniors. This year, Ian Wood toured the schools before the start of his first term at Bristol University after Emma Larcombe had initiated the sessions at Trimdon. Sam Wileman, ex-England junior number one and England Squash South Yorkshire coach made a guest appearance at Trimdon before flying off to take up a post in Chicago.

Four teams of five players entered the competition. Dr James Larcombe organised the event, with help from teachers at the schools and Sarah Hepples (sports co-ordinator for Sedgefield Community College). Year 6 pupils Olivia Skilbeck and Rory Fletcher refereed most of the matches, showing great skill and patience. This year, the event followed a full round-robin format. The second round was nail-biting with Sedgefield A managing to peg St William's back in all but one game, and Sedgefield B edging out Trimdon 38-37. In the final round, St William's needed to win all their games, and Trimdon needed to beat Sedgefield A to influence the final positions. In the end, neither happened, but at one point it looked very close! The morning competition was a resounding success, with many excellent performances from children new to the game, as well as from more experienced players.

Final results: 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgefield Primary A 150 pts (three wins); 2<sup>nd</sup> St Williams 138 (two wins); 3<sup>rd</sup> Sedgefield Primary B 102 (one win); 4<sup>th</sup> Trimdon Juniors 94 (no wins).

### Sedgefield Harriers

The Sedgefield Harriers will hold their annual winter handicap race on 15<sup>th</sup> January, for the Gerry Kearsley Memorial Trophy. Run over approximately 6.5 miles of beautiful countryside, the course starts just outside Fishburn and follows an undulating and scenic multi-terrain route that takes in Bishop Middleham. The race is mostly off road, on trails and old railway lines.

The race starts at 10.00am, with registration from 9.00am – entry is free. Anyone wishing to save time on the day can pre-enter by sending their name, club (if they are a member of one), estimated 10km time, age and gender to [ean2005@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ean2005@hotmail.co.uk), by text to 07771 828 568 (state 'handicap') or on paper to 11 Hadleigh Close, Sedgefield. Numbers will be ready to collect on arrival at the start (in the last field on the left before Fishburn, when travelling from Sedgefield).

On the same day, there will also be a junior event of about one mile, held over a cross-country course in the field at the start of the handicap race. This run will start at 9.30am, with competitors having to register by 9.15am. For further details about this event contact Scott Hydon on 07790 418 188. That's all for this month, and this year.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the sports updates during 2010 – your input is vital and hugely appreciated. Keep the sports news flowing during 2011, to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com). And here's hoping for another great 12 months of sport, the last before we reach London Olympics year. Yes, I'm already getting pretty excited about that.

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

## Maintaining your Dental Health during 2011 continued

### Maintaining your Dental Health during 2011

#### Dental Health Advice from Chris Edmonds

**Did you know that there is evidence to link poor dental health to heart disease, diabetes and also premature births?**

**Are you aware of what dentists are looking for when they carry out a dental health examination?**

**Does your dentist tell you what they are looking for?**

Before starting your dental examination, expect your dentist to ask you about:-

- How you feel about the health of your mouth
- Are there any concerns that you may have, for example bleeding gums, bad breath or uncomfortable teeth.
- How you feel about the appearance of your teeth
- What changes there may be to your medical history

Having listened to your concerns your dentist will proceed to carry out your actual dental examination. Expect your dentist to:-

- Examine your tongue, the inside of your lips and cheeks, the floor of your mouth and the roof of your mouth.
- Assess the health of your gums visually and by measuring the depth of the "pockets" between the gums and teeth.
- Assess how well you are cleaning your teeth.
- Assess the health of your teeth and existing restorations (including

wear and tear and the condition of existing fillings, crowns, etc.

- Examine your Temporo - Mandibular Joints. These are the joints between the lower jaw (the mandible) and the temporal bones (base of your skull). Discomfort and muscle pain from these joints may indicate abnormal wear of the teeth and a clenching or grinding habit due to stress.

Your dentist should ask you about any symptoms, look for signs, take measurements and periodically take x-rays of your teeth and supporting bone to check how healthy your teeth and gums actually are.

A quick visual examination only may not on its own reveal a decay or gum problem present in your mouth. Be an informed patient and ask your dentist questions about how healthy your teeth and gums actually are. Carrying out a thorough dental examination takes time.

Having regular dental health examinations will go a long way to helping you keep your own

**Teeth4Life**

**Chris Edmonds and Associates is delighted to announce that**

#### Introduction to ICT for the 21st Century

This new course will run for 10 weeks on Wednesdays 1 - 3pm in the computer suite at Ceddesfeld Hall, starting on 12th January.

Flexibility will be the key, so it will be adapted to learners' needs, but is expected to cover how to use the Internet, Email, SKYPE, Facebook, and a digital camera. Whilst it should help those for whom modern computing is a mystery, it is hoped that some learners will want to progress onto a longer course and further develop their ICT skills. Fees for the full 10 weeks are £46 or £8 remitted fees in line with DCC policy, Anyone interested is invited to call in and discuss their needs with tutor Dominic, or contact Pat Buckley-Atkins 01740 620607 or Wendy Gill 01740 620206.

#### COMING SOON

#### ANOTHER GREAT WINE TASTING EVENING

#### "FIESTA del VINO"

At Ceddesfeld Hall 7:30

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Mucho wine tastings,

Mucho themed food

and mucho más

Tickets £14 from Ceddesfeld Bar

#### 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.



# January Events Diary

## Sedgefield Gardening Club

**Tuesday 4th January**  
7.30pm, Ceddesfeld Hall

### Sedgefield WI

**Wednesday 5th January**  
7.15pm, Parish Hall.  
Social Night with Beetle Drive  
Mince Pies & Ginger Wine  
Members' competition:  
a wrapped Christmas parcel  
*Visitors welcome; fee £2.50*

### CeddesFolk Session

Ceddesfeld Hall  
**Wednesday 5th January**  
Beginners 7 - 8pm upstairs  
All comers, main hall from 8pm

### Cricket Club Quiz Night

**Saturday 8th January**  
Start 8pm

### Farmers' Market

**Sunday 9th January**  
9.30 - 1.30 on the village green

### Local History Society

**Monday 10th January**  
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm  
Robert Cooper: local photographer  
"The River Tees from  
Source to Mouth"  
*All welcome*

### Sedgefield Methodist

#### Wives & Friends

**Monday 10th January**  
Carrier bag sale - Margaret & Dessa  
**Monday 24th January**  
Network Project (Loreto, Canada)

### Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm  
**Tuesday 11th January**  
'On Safari', Alison Hodgson  
**Tuesday 25th January**  
Evening out, to be arranged

### Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

**Saturday 15th January**  
Eyes down at 7.30pm

636382 sashton@teeswildlife.org

### Sedgefield in Bloom Meeting

**Wednesday 12th January**  
10 am in the council offices

## Sedgefield Family History Group

**Monday 17th January 2011**  
"An Introduction to Family History"  
Geoff Nicholson

**Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm**  
If one of your New Year Resolutions  
was to trace your family tree,  
please come along and learn how  
*Visitors are always welcome*

### Ukulele Workshop

All levels welcome  
**Friday 21st January**  
Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm  
For more info. tel 621729

### Live Music

Sedgefield Cricket Club, 8pm  
**Saturday 22nd January**  
Main guest: Prelude, Also featuring  
Judith Haswell Band, Andy  
McLaughlin and Dan Hinds and John  
Wrightson Band  
Admission £9, inc. buffet  
Tel 621347

## Sedgefield Family History Group

**Monday 24th January 2011**  
Family History Computer Group  
Evening

**Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30pm**  
Only £1 per person per session. We  
have access to several computers &  
help in using the internet to find  
those elusive ancestors  
*Visitors welcome*

### Sedgefield Wildlife Group

**Thursday 27th January**  
7.45 Parish Hall  
Red Kites - Judy Summerson  
Everyone welcome  
Contact Steve Ashton 01287

## Sedgefield Parish Paths Partnership

**Monday 31st January**  
Fletcher Room Parish Hall, 7.30pm  
**Improving Rights of Way and  
Promoting Access**

(incorporating the AGM)  
If you value our countryside its the  
opportunity to get involved in  
supporting access!!  
*All welcome*

A FREE service to non-  
commercial organisations

## Sedgefield Library Events

Rhyme Time  
**Wed 5th & 19th**, 10 - 11am  
Tickle Time  
**Monday 17th & 31st**, 2.15 - 3pm  
Book Circle  
**Wednesday 19th** 2pm

### Cupcake Café

You are invited to  
**Sedgefield Community College**  
between 10am - 12 noon on term-  
time Fridays, for tea, coffee,  
homemade cakes & biscuits  
All profits will go to charity

### Cafée@St Catherine's

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

### 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

## 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)

### Sedgefield Playgroup

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

### Winterton Wayfarers

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

## February

### Residents' Forum

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

## Neighbourhood Watch Panel

See February's Sedgefield News  
for details



# Your Letters

## Veterans thank you

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who contributed to the success of our Christmas Prize Draw, from ALL at Sedgefield Village Veterans! To the Businesses who provided the prizes; and to all those people who bought the tickets and helped us to raise over £1,000.00 (account still to be finalised, but we must beat the paper's deadline).

I, personally wish to **thank** our members who worked so hard to distribute letters to the Businesses, collect the prizes, sell the tickets (and buy some) and then distribute the prizes.

Lastly our big **thanks** to the Mayor, Councillor Allan Blakemore, for giving his time to make the draw. Well done to you all!

We do apologise for the cancellation of the Pie & pea Supper but the decision had to be made before the order for the pies was finalised so that there was no cost.

We will be holding it early in the New Year, so watch these columns. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you, one and All!

David Hillerby,  
Sedgefield Village Veterans

## Fundraising Event

Coffee morning and market place event raised £630 for DIDO.

Members wish to thank the following for their contributions, The Dun Cow, George Bolam, Evolution, Sedgefield Fisheries, the Co-op and many many more who supported the project. Thanks so much!

Gloria Wills

## Mike Blocki's boys do it again!

For the 2nd year in a row (and the 3rd time in 4 years) Mike's team .....`The boys from Sedgefield`..... have won the prestigious Bishop Auckland charity town quiz by a mere 3 points, and against 28 other teams. The winning team was: Mr Blocki, Brian Lowes, Chris Hancock, Andrew Cannings, Graeme Oram and myself. All money raised went towards the designated charity this year, Bishop FM radio.

John Race

## Carole Pearce 1960-2010.



Chris, Jamie, Robert and I would like to thank everyone for their support after Carole's untimely death. The amount of people who attended her funeral was a testament to her popularity. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. This is Jamie's tribute to his Mam.

*Thank you, Colin Pearce.*

That smile.

I'll always remember that smile.  
The way it broke 'cross your face.  
And sprinkled your eyes with joy.

You hated your smile, you said.  
Thought it not a pretty grin,  
But for all us who knew and loved you,  
That smile could set the room alight.  
The way you'd laugh for me,  
at all my unsuitable jokes.  
Say it helped your positivity  
Made each knock a thing to beat.

I remember going on holiday,  
The weight was lifted off of you.  
You loved just to get away,  
And relax and enjoy the sun.  
Those were such joyous times.  
When you were at your lovely best.  
Our holidays to a happy place.

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That smile forever on your face.

I'll always remember that smile.

Your smile shone for all to see  
But your heart belonged to your family.  
Your love for us compares to none  
Our need for you trumped everyone.

You were the one who'd always listen  
To Rob tell you of his football games,  
On each repeat, your eyes would glis-  
ten.  
When others eyes would just roll again.

Each year you'd visit your eldest son  
Celebrating your birthday in London.  
Living the high life, you would say,  
Dancing to Kylie and seeing shows.  
Those trips down south to visit Chris,  
Are something he will forever miss.

And you were the jewel in Dad's heart.  
The final piece in his life's puzzle.  
He's loved you since the day you met,  
And he'll love you still, forever yet  
Even though your out of reach,  
Your soul will remain forever his.

And that smile  
He'll always remember that smile.

Your life was joyous, no tragedy.  
You've brought us all many memories  
You'd spend each night, when I was  
young,  
Listening to me read to you.  
You used to call it our special time.  
And in those moments, you were mine.

You always wished to know details  
Of what was happening in my life  
And I would tell you, without fail  
To mind your own, leave me alone.  
But as i aged I began to see  
You asked because you cared for me.  
So let me tell you, so you know  
You always are part of my life,  
Though you may watch from above,  
I'll always feel my mothers love.

I'll always miss all the nagging,  
And never forget all you did.  
For you will live on within your sons  
Within our hearts, in our memories.  
And we can never forget you, Mam,  
Your kisses and hugs and all your love,  
And that smile.  
We'll all always  
Remember that smile.

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