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# Sedgefield NEWS

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## Neptune returns in triumph

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June was a red letter day for the Friends of Hardwick. John Grundy of 'Grundy's Wonders' fame, unveiled the new Statue of Neptune in the Serpentine River in Hardwick Park in front of a large (for Hardwick Park) crowd gathered in the rain. John Grundy said "I was just blown away, to be honest. I was not expecting something so magnificently renaissance in quality, so detailed, so rich, so exciting to look at. It is a wonderful object!" Introducing Mr Grundy, Jack Glendinning said that the statue, which represents the God of the Sea, was commissioned to replace one from the 1750s which 'disappeared' in the 1950s. The original had cost £32 12s 0d, whilst the replacement was over £26,000!

Dr Anthony Henfrey, a trustee of the Northern Rock Foundation, which provided the funding for the statue, echoed Mr Grundy's comments saying that the project fulfilled one of the aspirations of the Foundation - to improve the quality of life in the north east. Tom Stubbs, vice-Chairman of the Friends of Hardwick, could vaguely remember the old statue as a child when his parents took him round the grounds for a walk.

Keith Maddison, the sculptor from Elsdon in Northumberland, was delighted. "It looks exactly as I imagined it would. I'm very pleased with the colour and patination; it goes well with the trees and leaves in the backdrop."



*He's very dignified now, but Neptune's arrival (above) & installation wasn't quite so elegant! See all the action on [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk) photos from Ian Hunter and John Fitzpatrick*



Tom Stubbs, Dr Anthony Henfrey, John Fitzpatrick & John Hannon listen to John Grundy. Neptune has other things on his mind!

## A History of Medicine in Sedgefield

In the Census of 1827, Dr. G. R. Sheraton looked after the patients of the Sedgefield area who lived "to the West of the Turnpike Road". By 1840 his son George Sheraton F.R.C.S. was living in West End. Again, he was tending those to the West, and a Dr. Henry Ruddock served the populace to the East. Dr. Thompson joined Dr. Sheraton for a short while, but sadly died of T.B. at the age of 30.

Later, Dr. Hunton came, and his home was The Whins in North End. It is said that he had several very beautiful daughters, and was the last Doctor to use natural horse-power for his visits.

Dr. Conrad Basan, an Austrian by birth, arrived to practise medicine next. He had qualified with an M.D. from Brussels in 1898, but had attained an L.S.A. in London the previous year. It is thought that he leased Dunelm House, no. 41 West End in August 1917 until he moved into his new home in 1923. He was the Public Vaccinator for the district and continued the research into disease he had done earlier.

In 1820 he bought 10 acres from Lord Boyne, opposite the park gates to Hardwick Hall. Roper Bros built Connor Lodge for him, using sand from his own land. In Connor Lodge Dr. Basan set up his surgery in the S.W. room. It had an open fire, was the examination room, treatment room and dispensary as well. It was said that the morning sun was in the patients' eyes from the South window and in the evening from the West! The waiting room was a bit of corridor opposite the surgery door.

1927 saw Dr. Cecil Hindhaugh succeed Dr Basan at Connor Lodge.

He continued to hold his Sedgefield surgeries in the same room, but the Southern entry was covered by a wooden shed to help in the blackout, and to give more waiting area. Dr. Hindhaugh had a call house in Fishburn, as did Dr. Harbinson.

In 1950 Drs. Ellison and Harbinson bought 41 West End and sold it in 1957. Both tended patients in Winterton.

Until the Catholic Church was built in Church View in 1936, Connor Lodge was used as the Mass House. I imagine Dr. Basan was a Catholic, and possibly started this convenient use of his dining room for the village worshippers. Father Luce came from West Cornforth for the services.

Dr. Hindhaugh died in late 1957 and Dr Ian Fuller came. He soon decided that a new surgery was needed, and by 1959 patients no longer puffed up the drive but entered the new surgery by the gate by the pillar box in the 4 or 5 year old 8 foot brick wall.

In the meantime Mrs Hatton, the village Midwife, who lived at 23 West End, suggested Dr Fuller use her front 2 rooms. The left hand one still had the sink cupboard in it. The new surgery comprised of a waiting room the width of the building, a reception room with a prep area and toilet off, consulting room, an examination room, and even a dark cupboard for looking at x-rays.

In 1965 Dr. Elisabeth Sutherland joined Dr. Fuller and more space was needed, so a portacabin was lifted over the wall and joined on to the existing building by a wooden extension, which was soon filled

with filing cabinets.

By 1986 medicine had moved on and plans for the present Medical Centre were well underway. August brought Dr. Fuller's retirement. Dr. Larcomb joined Dr. Sutherland in the old premises for a short time, then the building became a garden store, planning permission being given for medical purposes only.

The idea for this article was sparked by the medical project schoolchildren did last year. It was then that I realised how many people there were in Sedgefield who knew nothing of the history of Connor Lodge, medically and as a Mass House, it being out of the conservation area.

May I thank all those who have contributed to this resume. I am well aware that there are many gaps, and would enjoy adding to this bit of Sedgefield history, if anyone can help.

*Averil Fuller*

*The information re the Sheratons was from a census. Another Source "A History Of Medicine in S.W. Durham" states that C. R. Sheraton started practice in 1860, and continued until 1909, living in Lampton House.*

*Again the above source says that Dr. Hunton lived in Pillarbox Hall, where Sainsbury's is now.*

### Could you work with us?

If you enjoy writing, reading or graphic design and are interested in what's going on in Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon, you may be interested in joining the editorial team here at Sedgefield News. A little knowledge of IT would be helpful (we work in Microsoft Publisher) though this job tends to train you as you go along! Similarly if you are used to the kind of work for which you need good grammar and clear English, you would be most welcome. Email [snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk](mailto:snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk) so we can arrange to talk about how you might contribute. Please bear in mind that working on Sedgefield News is on a voluntary basis - there's no pay!

### The BIG WILD READ

#### Take the challenge – change the world!

Ever wanted to make the world a better place? Well you can make a start at Sedgefield Library this summer by taking part in **THE BIG WILD READ**.

To launch the challenge and find out more, Sedgefield Library invites you to come along on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July between 10am -12 noon & 1-3pm** and help decorate the children's library on a really wild theme. *(Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult).*

This year the Reading Challenge has made a special partnership with the Woodland Trust's **TREE for ALL** campaign and every book that a child reads as part of the challenge will earn 'tree tokens' which will be translated into new trees for our regional woods.

As part of the promotion the Library will be hosting a range of wild activities over the summer, such as arts and crafts, magic shows, recycling fun, stories and much much more!

**For more details please call in or give us a ring on 01740 620103**



## End of term reports

### Sedgefield Community College wins praise

**Our local comprehensive school has been praised as 'a good and improving school' after inspection by Ofsted.**

The inspection team were in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, during which time they observed numerous lessons, spoke to many members of staff and consulted with groups of students.

Particularly pleasing for students, parents, staff and governors is the fact that the college was identified as 'Good' in all areas, with inspectors stating that, 'all students, whatever their background, make good progress and achieve well'.

This excellent inspection reflects the outstanding progress of the college in recent years, with 72% of students achieving 5 A\*-C GCSE qualifications (or equivalent) in the summer 2006 exams and the ambition that the college will exceed this figure this summer. Headteacher Lynne Ackland, whilst delighted with the inspection, was keen to stress that further progress could and would be made. "We have made superb progress and are now a leading school – this does not make us complacent though".

### ... and from primary schools

**At Rectory Row Primary School**, year 4 pupils have been busy raising money for the Sedgefield Veterans, by taking part in a sponsored lap of Sedgefield Racecourse. This is part of a programme of events. The Sedgefield Veterans group has already given talks to pupils about what a veteran is, and the school is having a day in October when Year 5 pupils will re-enact a day in the life of a child during WW2.

The end of year concert for parents and family of pupils is arranged for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

**Hardwick Primary School's** end of year concert is on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Before then, in preparation for all the changes at the beginning of September, year 6 pupils will spend the first week in July at the Community College.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> is Class Swap Day, when pupils spend a day with the teacher with whom they will spend the following year. New starters spend half a day with their reception class teacher. Then on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm prospective parents can visit the school.

There will be fun for some pupils from the school, when they take part in the Sandcastle Challenge at South Shields on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, competing with schools from all over the north east.

### Sporting Legacy

And finally, another kind of 'end of term'. Tony Blair's constituency home in Trimdon is to become the headquarters of a new charitable sporting foundation, aimed at nurturing talent in schools. Mr Blair wishes to keep a connection with the North East and it is thought that sporting personalities from the region, like Brendan Foster and Steve Cram, will be involved.

## Clifton Lodge Veterinary Nurse running for charity

You may have seen this energetic lady running very early in the morning around Sedgefield. Sue is in training for the Great North Run.

She will be running for 'Changing Faces', a charity that helps people including children with facial disfigurements such as scars from burning, road traffic accidents and after treatment for disease such as skin cancer.

Common skin complaints can also cause disfigurement such as eczema, acne, vitiligo or psoriasis.

Sue became involved because of her many operations for skin cancer. She was herself helped by the charity.

**If you wish to help by donating please contact Sue on 01740 623604. The sponsor form can be found in Clifton Lodge Veterinary Clinic on East Parade.**

For **FREE PUBLICITY** in Sedgefield News, send details of local Charity events to [snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk](mailto:snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk)

## IN BRIEF

### Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Due to unforeseen circumstances the concert planned for this month has unfortunately had to be postponed until the autumn. Further details will be available soon in Sedgefield News.

### Green fingers at the ready please

Judging for Northumbria in Bloom is on the morning of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Residents and businesses can help Sedgefield's chances by making sure all gardens and public spaces are looking their best.

### Roll up for the show

Sedgefield Show is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August in the Robert Brown Show Field, West Park Lane.

Entries close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Schedules available from Library, Barclays Bank and Post Office.

### East Park Dig

There's a short season of community excavation going on in the East Park. It may be too late for new people to get involved, but if you are keen, contact Lee White at [archaeology@durham.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@durham.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

**Dates:** June 25<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Hours:** 10am - 4pm (arrive about 9:30 to get organised)

**Minimum Days required:** 2  
**Children/Young People** under 14 must be accompanied by parent/guardian all day; those aged 14-18 need signed permission from a parent/guardian, who must accompany on the first morning to ensure that the papers are signed.



# Community SAFETY

## Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch

### Members' Update following April meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June

Despite a smaller than normal turnout by members (normal at this time of year) the meeting extended well past the normal 8p.m. close, members obviously enjoyed a good "discussion" with local PC Keith Todd, village Community Warden Tim Spearey & our Crime Prevention Officer Neil Langthorne.



**Community Force Officer Tim Spearey** went through his report that indicated an awful lot of time has been expended attending to graffiti issues and anti social behaviour in our village. Members felt there were 2 major ongoing issues that still need to be reduced. 1) anti social behaviour including drink related problems & 2) dog fouling which has got worse and is village-wide. Tim acknowledged both of these as valid. Concerns were raised by members that Tim is not being able to give the 75% of his rostered hours to our village that we were originally promised and this may be contributing to not reducing some of these problems.

**Village Constable Keith Todd** circulated copies of the Reported Crime in Sedgefield Village for the period **between 10<sup>th</sup> April & 12<sup>th</sup> June** this indicated there were **23 crimes** recorded, consisting of: - **5- Burglaries; 9-Damage** (includes 3 car related) & **9-Thefts** (includes 3 car related).

Members again expressed concerns about anti-social behaviour and Keith explained that many calls received by the Police and followed up by him & PCSO Dean Wilson, which don't make the crime report (they are not recorded crimes) are nonetheless a large part of their workload especially at weekends. He went into detail how they are followed up (with parents) or not and how this is all integrated with Sedgefield Borough Anti Social Behaviour Unit. It was obvious to members that some of the crimes would not have been possible if owners had taken some simple precautionary measures.

**Crime Prevention Officer Neil Langthorne** agreed with this last point and told members of how effective crime prevention measures can be. The mini digger stolen by low loader from a site in Spring Lane in April was promptly recovered (in use) in Stockton because the owners activated the "tracker" system they had wisely installed and now prosecutions are pending. Crime prevention doesn't need to be high tech. though, it can simply be don't leave the bike in the street, lock it up **out of sight**; secure premises, don't leave doors unlocked and don't leave valuables in easy reach or on display. Neil then described to members a very useful small alarm consisting of a wireless PIR and alarm unit, originally developed as a car alarm but useful in the home and certainly for garden sheds. The price of the unit is £27.00 anyone interested should contact Neil / Sarah for purchase. Neil also advised that he has made contact with owners / premises in Sedgefield that have experienced recent burglaries and he is always available and willing to give advice, assistance when asked. *See below for telephone details.*

**No Cold Calling:** A meeting took place in April with Trading Stds. to discuss details of in home stickers, lamppost signs and implementation, local councillor John Robinson participated and gave very valuable support to the initiative. As reported previously further progress on implementation will be announced at Panel meetings and through Sedgefield News.

Members were extremely appreciative of the £200 award made to the Panel by outgoing Mayor Dudley Waters to help us fund this initiative; many thanks Dudley.

### A.O.B.

**No Alcohol in Street:** Julia Bowles reported that the Residents' Forum was still trying to achieve this for our village and gave an update

**Anti Social Behaviour:** Several members expressed concern that too many residents still feel it is not worth reporting as the Police either do not attend / or do nothing when they do.

**Charities visiting Village – Ring Round Message:** A recent message to members gave details of a bona fide company planning to do house calls at doors in our area (Borough) and gave details of contact numbers and details of their canvasser's I.D. requirements. C/man Ken Saiger welcomed this (as did all members present) as this allowed residents to be aware and take their own measures to respond to them as they chose.

## Telephone Numbers

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

**Local Police:0845 6060365** -  
to report concerns, seek advice or  
pass on information to the Police  
(it may be prudent to keep a note  
of details of any conversation & to  
obtain an incident number).

**For advice/assistance:**  
**CPO Neil Langthorne:**  
**01325 742714**

**Neighbourhood Watch**  
**Coordinator Sarah Norman:**  
**01325 742755**

## PC Todd's report

This month I'm asking for information regarding the burglary at Sedgefield Primary School. It is believed that a group of youths smashed some windows before taking a number of batteries and the three school crossing patrol signs (later recovered). If you can help. please contact me at Sedgefield Police Office.

Other crimes reported include number plates stolen on East Parade; a dwarf conifer stolen from West Park Lane; wing mirror smashed on The Lane and a rear window smashed on West End. Damage was caused to a roof on Maple Grove and 2 mountain bikes stolen from Chestnut Road and 1 from Elm Avenue. Some crates of beer were stolen from North End, windows broken in Cross Street and Front Street and finally in a burglary at the Council offices the office safe was removed. Until next time  
*Keith*

## Pub Watch - it's **NO SMOKING** from now on!

Posters have been handed out to remind customers that the pubs and clubs are now NON SMOKING. No incidents requiring further action were reported at this month's meeting in the Social Club.

## **Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum**

The meeting in May had a very full agenda – as well as reporting on on-going outstanding issues, the meeting received written and verbal reports from those who had visited Care Principles facility in Norwich prior to the planning meeting (1/6/07) for proposed mental health secure unit in Sedgefield.

The Borough Council had also requested the Forum give a response in the stakeholder consultation on the proposals for future unitary structures. The meeting considered each of the questions and the varying comments will be forwarded to the Council.

Noise disturbance from events at Hardwick Hall Hotel is again increasing, anyone disturbed by the noise is encouraged to report the problem to the Environment department at the Borough Council, if action is to be taken there needs to be evidence of number of households affected. To assist in addressing the issue the Forum have arranged for attendance of the Borough planning and environment officers at the Forum June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, so do come along if you are affected by the noise and would like some answers from the Borough Council – it should also be noted that Hardwick Hall currently have a planning application submitted for the use of a marquee which will accommodate 1400 people and be positioned in view from Hardwick park.

Another contentious planning application has been submitted, McCarthy & Stone want to build 26 retirement apartments at No 5 Durham road with access on to Durham Road – the volume of traffic on that road and traffic calming measures are already an ongoing problem. However, it also appears that there could be attempts to have access via Pine Ridge Ave estate and rumours that further properties along Durham road could be acquired for development. We await further information.

Anti-social behaviour is an ongoing problem in various parts of the village. The Forum is proposing that in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch a group be formed to see how more co-ordinated action can be taken to address all areas.

It was good to see several Town Councillors at the meeting and the Town Council have nominated two Councillors as the formal representatives; this should certainly aid communication.

All meetings are open to everyone and agenda and minutes etc can be accessed on the village web sites, from the Town Council, in the Library (at least a week before the next meeting). Meeting dates are always the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the month at 7pm in the Parish Hall (dates are listed on the notice board) and anyone can have all the information emailed to them by giving Jane at the Town Council your email address jane@sedgefield.net and request to be included on the Residents' Forum email list.

## **Local Improvement funds for Parish Hall**

The Parish Hall has received Local Improvement Programme money which will go towards refurbishment, creating a new stage facility and an upstairs meeting room, as well as improving the kitchen and toilet areas.

The Town Council received funding of £37,000 from the LIP for the four individual schemes in the Parish Hall and the first - a second acoustic survey - is to be undertaken immediately. It is hoped that this will result in positive proposals to alleviate the noise issues which have been a problem over a number of years and have resulted in limitations being placed on the number of musical events which can be held.

Whilst awaiting the results of the survey the Council should receive the outcome of the application to the Big Lottery Communities Building Fund which if successful will add to the LIP monies and allow it to undertake major refurbishment works of the entire building to provide a community hall for all of the community.

*The Local Improvement Programme is a community-focused grant programme being used to fund capital projects across the Borough.*

*It allows local community organisations and partner Town and Parish Councils to submit project proposals to the area Forums for appraisal at the Area Forum meetings.*

*For an informal discussion to develop project ideas or to obtain an application form contact the Strategy and Regeneration Section at Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388 824002) or log on to [www.sedgefield.gov.uk](http://www.sedgefield.gov.uk)*

## **Winterton Hospital: proposed exhibition**

Sedgefield Veterans are proposing to hold an exhibition of Winterton Hospital to help raise funding for the group's re-enactment plans. So that they can gauge the level of support, the Veterans request that anyone interested in helping, or who has memorabilia, photos, documents, artefacts or any stories or anecdotes to relay, contacts them as soon as possible, to allow exhibition plans to be taken forward. Phone David Hillerby on 01740 621343

## **Grant awarded**

Congratulations to Sedgefield Veterans, who have received a grant from the Veterans Association, Ministry of Defence for £5000 - half way to their target.

## **Wind farm plans approved**

Plans to construct a 10-turbine wind farm at Butterwick Moor, near Sedgefield have been approved.

The 100m-tall turbines will be built north of the A689, by E.ON UK, which said the scheme could power 10,000 homes.

The decision to approve the plans was taken on Monday by Sedgefield Council's planning committee.

Permission for another development, the nearby Walkway Wind Farm, has already been granted.

*From a BBC website report*

## **Grand title for one of Sedgefield's best known characters**

Many congratulations to Derrick Lofthouse, who has been named an Honorary Burgess of Sedgefield. It's a richly deserved award to a man whose varied contribution to village life started in boyhood and continues to this day.

## **Last call for the trip**

**The Senior Citizens' outing to Redcar is on Wednesday 4th July.**

To go on the trip, please add your name to the list in the Post Office, or leave your name with Mary Hodgson or Billy Cooper by Monday 2nd July at the latest.



# SPORTS UPDATE

with [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

## Sedgefield Harriers

It may be early days for Sedgefield Harriers Juniors but already they are producing some excellent performances against more experienced opposition. On 5<sup>th</sup> June five juniors competed in the North Yorkshire South Durham meeting at Shildon against youngsters from clubs across Tees Valley, Durham and North Yorkshire. Andrew Lawson produced the results of the night, taking first in the under 13 boys' long jump with his last leap of 4.08m and then coming from behind to finish first in his heat of the 200m with a time of 30.2 seconds. Andrew was later 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800m with a time of 2:57.9. The most exciting finish came from Jonathan Baines who held second position throughout the two laps of under 15 boys' 800m. Challenged in the last 50m by a Middlesbrough runner, Jonathan produced a fast finish to secure an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> place. For the girls, JT Fanelli took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 13 girls' high jump with a height of 1.10m and later ran 35.3 seconds to finish 6<sup>th</sup> in her heat of the 200m. Corri Sinclair ran the under 13 girls' 200m, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in her heat with 38.1 seconds. Ashley Boardman produced one of the gutsiest displays of the night. Competing for the first time in club competition Ashley ran strongly to post 32.1 seconds in the under 15 girls' 200m and a 2:58.0 in the 800m, finishing a close 6<sup>th</sup> in both races.

The seniors have also produced good results recently, competing at Raby Castle, Blaydon, Pier to Pier Run, Swaledale Marathon, Tees Forrest 5k series, Edinburgh Marathon and Castle Howard 10k among others.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July Sedgefield Harriers will be hosting their Summer Handicap starting from the field south of Fishburn at 7.00pm. The handicap is run over an excellent off-road course and is open to friends of Sedgefield Harriers and members of other clubs. Entry is free. Contact Ean Parsons on [ean2005@hotmail.com](mailto:ean2005@hotmail.com) or 07771 828568 for more details.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August, to coincide with Sedgefield Show, the Harriers will be holding their first official race starting from the show field at 1.00pm. Called the 'Sedgefield Serpentine' it is a scenic off road course and is open to all over 16

years of age. Entry forms can be collected from Matthew Jones at his shop or by calling 07866 441097. Details of both events, including the entry form for the Serpentine race, can be found at [www.sedgefieldharriers.com](http://www.sedgefieldharriers.com)

## Sedgefield District RFC

Competitive league rugby in Sedgefield now seems like a real possibility again, following confirmation that that "Sedgefield District RFC" has been registered with the RFU (Rugby Football Union) and also accepted into the Teesside social league.

The first game of the new season is due to take place against Wensleydale RFC and the club will be taking a coach down to North Yorkshire for players and supporters alike to further cement the good team spirit that is fast developing at Sedgefield RFC. There will also be a social day arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> July for past, present and future players, which will take the form of 'pub golf'. Anyone wishing to support the club and get involved (especially with the golf) should get in touch through [www.sedgefieldrugby.com](http://www.sedgefieldrugby.com)

The club is still seeking players of **ALL** abilities to join the squad, so dust off your boots and join them at 7pm every Wednesday at the Community College. Look out for more news on Sedgefield RFC in future issues of the newsletter.

## Cricket

As I write this, England have just wrapped up a convincing 3-0 victory in the Test series against the West Indies at Chester-le-Street, with significant contributions made by Durham players. On top of that, it looks likely that Durham all rounder Paul Collingwood will be appointed captain of the England one day side. Meanwhile, Durham County Cricket Club are riding high in the County Championship and about to play a one day semi-final in the Friends Provident Trophy.

Given that Durham only gained first class county status in 1992, this represents remarkable progress on all fronts. The Riverside stadium at Chester-le-Street is widely recognised as one of the best cricket facilities around and plans are underway for further developments there to secure its long term future as a Test Match

venue. The level of ambition shown by Durham CCC is great to witness and the club is becoming renowned as a conveyor belt for young cricket talent.

It's not just at county level that cricket is thriving. Village cricket remains very popular and Sedgefield Cricket Club is a fine example of this.

## Football

Finally this month, pre-season Sunday league football training is *continued right sport*

*continued*

about to start for the village teams. The Crosshills FC have asked me to mention that their first training session will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Community College, starting at 10.30am. If you are interested in joining the team, contact David Ryder on 07967 058072 or visit [www.communicate.co.uk/ne/sedgefieldcrosshillfc/index.phtml](http://www.communicate.co.uk/ne/sedgefieldcrosshillfc/index.phtml).

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

## Leah makes her mark



Leah with her Mum & Jacquie Sedman

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 16 month old Leah from Sedgefield, became the 1000<sup>th</sup> member of Musical Minis, which has a franchise here run by Jacquie Sedman.

Leah was presented with a certificate, free membership, a Musical Minis bag and T shirt, and a goodie bag with toys, music and books. Her mother received a 'grown up' bag with pampering gifts and flowers.

Sedgefield's youngest children are very well served indeed these days, with excellent nursery schools and playgroups as well as 'Musical Minis' and the newly established 'Wigglets'.

Both of the latter groups operate in Sedgefield Parish Hall.

This year's brood at Hardwick Park, photographed by Ian Hunter  
Let's hope they all continue to thrive!



## More of *YOUR* Letters

### Cricket - No Way

Sedgefield Cricket Club continues to try to make the premises and ground as welcoming as possible for everyone. Unfortunately, a point of order has to be called over what many seem to think is a right of way across the cricket field.

When the Club was given extra land as part of the overall West Park scheme, several stiles were built. This was done purely for the benefit of players needing to retrieve well hit sixes over the boundary fence, and was never intended to create a public right of way across the field.

Over the recent past, ramblers (even on organised walks) & dog walkers alike have begun to use the stiles, presumably in the mistaken belief there exists a right of way. Some thoughtless souls think nothing of walking right across the field when there is organised practice going on! This is potentially dangerous for all concerned.

**No such right of way exists - there is other access to the area of the park that adjoins the cricket field, so please use this instead.** Please come along to enjoy our facilities, but not to use as a thoroughfare.

Thank you!

*Chris Bunting, Sedgefield C.C.*

### Neptune is fabulous!

Congratulations to everyone involved. It's a wonderful sight and a brilliant achievement.

*Roger Clubley*

### Farmers' Market

Sedgefield has become very well known for its high quality Farmers' Market. One customer who had bought from Joanne Martin elsewhere - in Weardale - was so delighted with the cakes that she made quite a long journey today to come and buy more. She had not visited Sedgefield Farmers' Market before but was so pleased with all the excellent produce on sale that she sought out market organiser Nigel Davison of Ing's Nursery to say she would definitely return.

One of the delights of Sedgefield is the village green setting and it was this also which prompted the remarks. Nigel's plants looked a treat today on the green; the balmy early summer weather also encouraging gardeners to exercise their green thumbs!

Customers had the usual wide range of produce from which to choose; organic vegetables, organic beef and lamb, fresh fish and shellfish, poultry, eggs, farm-reared pork and bacon, home-made preserves or fudge, farm produced cheeses, gluten free soups, quiches and scones, local game, honey and hand crafted candles. Top quality produce can be found every second Sunday on Sedgefield Village Green.

The next Farmers' Market is on Sunday 8th July. Visit us for a friendly welcome, lots of free tasters and a historic traditionally English setting. Stallholders thank their customers for such staunch support of the market. We look forward to welcoming customers new and old on the 8th!

## Simon's hopes for gap year adventures

Finally living his dream, on the 27<sup>th</sup> June Simon Halliday embarked upon 12 months of travel and adventure as he started an expedition around the world. After completing two university degrees and two years in industry he had considered taking a gap year of travel for some time, seeing it as an opportunity to see and experience some fantastic places, make lifetime friendships, experience different cultures and return home with excellent stories to tell.

Friends can visit Simon's travel blog website as often as they like to see his stories, diary, photos, map and videos. To keep in touch go to [www.getjealous.com/simonphalliday](http://www.getjealous.com/simonphalliday)

Simon says "You can see what I'm up to and even leave messages on the message board - it would be great to hear from you. Or you can email me at [simonphalliday@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simonphalliday@yahoo.co.uk)."



# JULY Events Diary

## Local History Society

7.45pm at Ceddesheld Hall

### Monday 2nd July

Gordon Morris on

### "American Independence - an Historical Celebration"

*All welcome*

## Sedgefield Garden Society

### Tuesday 3rd July

Visit to

### Beamish Cottage Gardens

Meet Ceddesheld Hall 6.30pm.

## Annual Senior Citizens'

### Outing to Redcar

### Wednesday July 4th

(see p.5 for last minute details)

## Ceddesheld Folk

### Acoustic Session

Ceddesheld Hall from 8pm on

### Wednesday 4th July

Share tunes & enjoy the 'craic' along with a drink from the Community Association's

CAMRA award-winning real ale bar.

## Sedgefield W.I.

### Wednesday 4th July

Parish Hall, 7.15pm

Jim Cole on

### Auckland Castle

Members' Competition - a piece of royal memorabilia  
*Visitors welcome (fee £1.50)*

## July at Sedgefield Library

### Toy Library

Wednesday 4th & 18th 10-11am

### Tickle Time:

songs & rhymes for babies & carers  
Monday 9th 10-11am

**Rhyme Time** Songs, stories, rhymes for under 5's

Wednesday 11th 10-11am

### Big Wild Read Launch

Decorate the library and join the challenge. Saturday 14th July 10-12noon & 1-3pm

FREE - no booking required

### Magic Jack

Monday 23rd July 10-11am

### Children's crafts

Tuesday 24th July & 31st July 10-11am

### Ceramic Tile art

Thursday 26th July 10-12noon

### Big Wild Read

stories & crafts with Adam Bushnell  
Monday 30th July 10-11am  
FREE! No booking required

## Ceddesheld Hall

### Beer Festival

Taste a wonderful range of beers and enjoy the entertainment too.

### Friday 6th & Saturday 7th July

More information from the bar

## Wynyard Planetarium & Observatory

### Friday 6th July at 3pm

"The stars from Down Under"

See the wonderful Southern Cross, the Scorpion and The Archer.

### Friday 20th July at 3pm

### "Wonders of the Universe"

Adults £3.50, concs £2, family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £7.

Contact 01740630544

## Sedgefield Farmers' Market

### Sunday 8th July

on the Village Green

## Trip to Skipton & Holmfirth

### Wednesday 11th July

Tickets from Town Council - £8

## Sedgefield Civic Trust

The next meeting will be held on

### Thursday 12th July

at 7pm in the Parish Hall

*Everyone welcome*

## Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Concerts scheduled for 13th & 14th

July postponed. See page 3

## Days In Days Out

New activities for older people.

Open Afternoon in the Parish Hall

### Monday 16th July

1.30 - 3.30pm

Entertainment, Bingo, & Refreshments.

## Family History Group

No meeting in July

(see August right)

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

### District Flower Club

Tuesday 17th July at 7.30pm

in the Parish Hall

### Members' Evening

*All welcome*

## Residents' Forum

Monday 23rd July 7pm

Parish Hall

## Sedgefield Show

The next meeting is on

### Thursday 26th July

at 8pm in the Nag's Head

*All those interested are welcome*

Announcements **FREE** to non-commercial organisations

## Sedgefield Wildlife Group

### Thursday 26th July

Meet at Parish Hall car park to leave at 6.30pm

### Outing to Teesmouth Field Centre & Seal Sands

More details from Steve on 620559

*Everybody welcome*

## 101 Gigs in July

### July 1st: The Black Lion

(Outdoors) Weather permitting, this should be a cracker!

06 The Daisy Hill Sacriston

07 The Penny Black Hartburn

10 Elgins Bar Redcar

13 The Rudds Arms Middlesbrough

14 Duke of Cumberland, G'head

19 The Vic Saltburn

21 The Garricks Head North Shields

26 The Clarendon Redcar

27 The Cleveland Hotel Redcar

29 The Bensham Jockey Bensham

## St Edmund's Church

Weddings and Baptisms may be arranged in church on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm

## Sunshine Corner

Bible stories & fun for pre-school children. **Fridays 10am - 11am**

## Round Table

### 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome

**Contact Rob on 629079**

## Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall

## Coming up in August

### Bingo at Ceddesheld Hall

Saturday 4th August

Doors open 7pm - Eyes down 7.45

Cash Prizes. Bar open. Welcome!

## Sedgefield Show

Saturday 11th August

## Days In Days Out (DIDO)

Activities for older people

Monday 13th August

at 1.15pm in the Parish Hall

Entertainment, Bingo & Raffle

## Family History Group

Monday 20th August

at 7pm Sedgefield Library

Members' Queries & Problems

## Sedgefield Garden Society

Please note - no meeting in August



### PC Todd: Teenager responds

I am one of the teenagers who meet with friends on a Friday evening. Yes we do gather in large groups but Friday evening is sometimes the only time we can meet up with friends who attend other schools. As there is nowhere else for us to meet we congregate in the parks or around the streets. I'm not quite sure where else we could be expected to meet? Neither I nor my friends cause trouble, or create litter or graffiti, yet we are still asked to break up & move on nearly every Friday night. I'm sure PC Todd did not have the same harassment when he was a teenager. Recently we were moved on because playgrounds 'were only for those aged 12 or less' - is this correct? I would like to add that I do not 'hang' around the streets every night; I am involved in after school activities most nights, all day Saturday & quite often Sundays too, so it would be quite nice to let my hair down without being targeted by the police just for being a teenager.

*Maria*

### Thanks to Sedgefield, Bradbury and Mordon

A total of £4115.72 was raised during this year's Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection and it will be further increased by approximately £385 as a result of the completed Gift Aid declarations made on £1375 of the collection. Thank you all who contributed to this substantial amount, which will be used to help improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Thanks also to our team of dedicated collectors who gave their time and effort to this worthwhile cause.

*David & Margaret Glass*

### Heartfelt thanks

Allan Davison and family wish to thank everyone for the help and kind thoughts, and all who inquired during Mary's long stay in hospital. Also for the many cards and condolences received, when she succumbed and lost her brave fight for life - many thanks to all involved. It helps to know so many care.

*Yours sincerely, Allan Davidson*



## YOUR Letters

### Controversy on Durham Road

Outside 5 Durham Rd is a notice "Acquired by McCarthy & Stone". "Acquired" - an 1850 dictionary says "search for; get; procure". A 21<sup>st</sup> Century one says "bag; cop; snap up; appropriate" - indicative of some modern business practices??

Well, this company hopes to build flats, undoubtedly small, 26 of them; three storeys; NO LIFT - for "retirement homes". Also a housekeeper's flat, probably - she would look after the premises; do the rota for using the laundry, etc. Not a warden in any other sense. There will be only space for ten - yes, just ten cars - for 26 flats, visitors, delivery vehicles, etc. One can just picture the chaos! A steep drive on to the inside curve of a busy main road, the only pavement going across this entrance, which is used by many young parents who have young children. Therefore McCarthy and Stone's answer is... wait for it - another chicane! You'll have something to say about THAT, Bob and Andy!

All the no-noes are here - congestion, noise pollution, atmospheric pollution, possibly cases of road rage too I shouldn't wonder. Well done McCarthy and Stone!

There are many flats of differing types for sale and to rent in this area. Did McCarthy and Stone do their homework regarding this? One last question. Did the owner of the property try to sell before this and not succeed? It is a very nice looking bungalow well up off the road with a lovely flat lawn for children to enjoy. Or was he/she approached by a rep and agreed to the sale without thought of the rest of Sedgefield, especially neighbours?

*A resident of North Sedgefield  
Name & Address supplied*

### St Luke's Church concerns

The final chapter of the closure of Winterton Hospital finally was written when the last of the wards were demolished earlier this year. The only remaining building is St Lukes Church, a listed building, which stands as a reminder of the close knit community many people remember with fondness. HowSt Lukes Churchver, instead of standing as a proud relic of past times I am shocked and dismayed at the increasing deterioration of the building. It has become a meeting place for local teenagers who are regularly vandalising it causing damage to the guttering, windows and brickwork also gaining entry via the cellar area. Efforts have been made by its new owner, at great expense, to restore the building and keep it maintained to a high standard. However, due to major complications due to planning issues the building remains derelict and at severe risk of further deterioration.

I am unaware of any change to the current situation and I must appeal to all concerned to find a solution, stopping the demise of the church, giving some hope to ex-patients and staff, restoring it as a proud reminder of our past.

P.S. Can the parents of any youngsters hanging out around the church please get the message across to them the effect their behaviour is having on our local community.

*Ray*

### Shelter, please!

Spring is sprung, the grass is "riz". We wonder where our new bus shelter is! They moved the wooden one last year - the winter months have been very drear. So will it come this year - or will it be next? If it's two thousand and nine then we will be vexed. Written on our tombstones - "They did not swelter - all they needed was a covered bus shelter". *The 'Frozen stiffs'!*  
*Names and addresses supplied.*

### More letters on p.9

### The deadline for the August issue of Sedgefield News is July 15th

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