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# Sedgefield NEWS

July 2008

## Crisis time at 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgefield Brownies?

After 14 years of active involvement in Brownies, Brown Owl is leaving. Not only that, but, due to other commitments and changes in circumstances, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl and Clare are also leaving! **They urgently require a Brown Owl and replacement Owls or Brownies will have to close!!**

Brown Owl (Sandy Bell) writes:

Brownies and its associated activities have a sound and sustainable impact in the development of our young girls, providing experiences and opportunities that they may otherwise not access, like

*\*Sharing life events*

*\*Developing as a Team Player*

*\*Lifeskills – Leadership, Independent Decision-making*

*\*Games, Skills, Camping - and lots of **FUN!***

There is an abundance of support from within the organisation for those wishing to become Guiders, so if you are able to spare one short evening per week, plus 1 or 2 training days annually and would be interested in becoming part of 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgefield Brownies, please contact me. Phone 01740 620436 or call in for a chat at the Tuesday (5.30 – 6.45pm) meeting in Sedgefield Primary School, Rectory Row. For more information you can visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

We are truly sorry that this situation has occurred and will work with all volunteers to support the continuation of the Brownie Pack.

*Yours in Guiding*

*Brown Owl and the Owls*

## GPs Extend Opening Hours

With effect from 7th July 2008, the surgery will be offering some appointments on two evenings per week between 6.00pm and 7.45pm. These appointments are offered according to national guidelines and are strictly pre-bookable and for the benefit of patients who cannot access the surgery during normal opening hours.

**Pre-bookable** means that you must have made the appointment earlier than the day on which the appointment is scheduled. If you need an on-the-day appointment it is, by definition, an acute medical problem and you will be seen under existing arrangements.

**The appointments will be rotated** between the Sedgefield, Fishburn and Trimdon Colliery sites to afford maximum convenience to the greatest number of patients. It will be difficult, but not impossible, to make an extended hours appointment with a named doctor.

Emergencies after 6.00pm are still required to be dealt with by the Urgent Care Centre (UCC). The practice will not be contactable by telephone after 6.00pm as the telephone lines are transferred to the UCC at Bishop Auckland at this time.

If you feel that you are eligible to apply for a late appointment, please ask the reception staff for details. You can be seen at whichever site is open on the night of your appointment.

*Colin C Miller,  
Practice Manager*

## Sue's running for Jack this time

Last year Sue Wears completed the Great North Run, raising a considerable sum for charity, and was very grateful for the excellent support she received.

This year Sue is raising funds for a cause much closer to home and is hoping to get the same great response for Jack Smith (*pictured*).



Jack is a Sedgefield lad who broke his neck playing rugby for Billingham Rugby club and has just been discharged from the James Cook Hospital after three months of intensive therapy.

He is now at home recovering and Sue hopes to raise money for essential specialist equipment and a rehabilitation programme that Jack needs to maintain his quality of life.

As last year, your sponsor money can be handed to Sue at the Clifton Lodge Veterinary practice on East End. She sends a big thank-you in anticipation of all those who will be giving.

**Have YOU got news for US?**

**Get in touch!**

**[sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com) 629011**

## JOB ADVERT

### Sedgefield Town Council

#### Part-time Temporary Gardening Assistant

The Town Council is looking to appoint a Gardening Assistant on a part-time (15 hours per week) temporary basis until the end of October.

#### Rate of pay is £6 per hour

Further details can be obtained from the Council Offices - telephone 01740 621273 and on [www.sedgefield.net](http://www.sedgefield.net)

**Closing Date 4th July 2008**

## Midnight Walk

**5000 miles = £64,000 for  
Butterwick Hospice**

Despite inclement weather, 600 women from across the North East, walked 6 or 13.5 miles around Sedgefield racecourse, the final walkers finishing after 4am! The money raised will help provide very special care to adults and children from across the North East. This care is provided completely free of charge and costs over £3.5 million pounds each year, and this event has made a significant difference to that total.

Barbara Fountain, Fundraiser at Bishop Auckland, said "I'd like to thank all the ladies who took part for making the evening such a fantastic success. The Midnight Walk is the biggest event in Butterwick's history and all because of 600 amazing ladies. Butterwick Hospice touches the lives of hundreds of families across our region and we were delighted to receive their support on Saturday. We must also thank Sedgefield Racecourse and all the companies who sponsored the event."



*It was a chilly start for the Midnight Walkers*

## DIDO: Days In, Days Out

**At our May meeting** we were entertained by Lawrence and Joan Staley, Teesdale Glass Engravers, who gave a demonstration of their work and very kindly presented us with a piece of their work as our main raffle prize.

*Pictured right with Lawrence and Joan is our lucky raffle winner.*



#### In June we had our Garden

**Party** and as you can see, members joined in the spirit with a 'Mrs Bucket' style hat competition. They also got in the spirit with a glass or two of wine!

As it was the first birthday of DIDO we were delighted that our Mayor, Cllr. Tim Jeanes and his wife and consort, Ann, could join us to judge the competition. Coincidentally this was their first official engagement so it seemed really appropriate.

The Garden Party was supported by **Communicare** who provided the transport, and who were excellent. Thanks to all members and volunteers who contributed to the catering, loaned chairs, tables etc and helped with putting up the marquees; extra special thanks to Gloria's son-in-law, Ray, who gave his whole weekend to the project!

The next treat for members is a Day Out - a Town Trip on July 2nd, followed on 11th August by a Day In at the Parish Hall, where there's line dancing (£2 per session) followed by the regular DIDO mix of a Speaker, Raffle and Bingo.

DIDO activities are for those who may feel socially isolated as well as for older people. Currently members range in age from the mid 50s upwards, the younger set being particularly interested in the line dancing!

New members are very welcome, so if you would like to join in the fun, come along to the August meeting, where a membership of just £2 for the upcoming year will be taken.

*Gloria Wills and Linda Maddison*

## YOUR LOCAL BUTTERWICK HOSPICE NEEDS YOUR VOTE

**to win a National Lottery Award!**

**PLEASE VOTE FOR US  
BEFORE 4th JULY**

**Vote online at  
[www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards)  
or call 0845 386 5138**

**to register your phone vote.  
Our project could win £2000 and  
EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

*All BT landline calls are charged at the BT Lo-call landline rate*

## Local talent strikes gold again!

**Sedgefield Players Norma Neal and Jean Hewling (right) shared the Best Actress award at the recent Wakefield Drama Festival** for their portrayal of the Parker sisters, May and Annie in *Salt of the Earth* by John Godber. The play was very well received in Sedgefield earlier in the month, although the Players were disappointed at the turnout for their first production in the newly refurbished Parish Hall.

Chairman Norma Neal said, "We regularly win trophies at festivals around the country and we get great support in Sedgefield from patrons outside the village. Maybe it's time that the people of Sedgefield woke up to the fact that there is an award winning drama group in their midst."

The Players had rehearsed for months in the Methodist Church Hall and were delighted to be able to move back into the Parish Hall just in the nick of time for their May production. New stage curtains plus an up-to-date lighting and sound system contributed to the success of the show, which was performed in a curtain set with minimal furniture, in order to convey the various settings required.



Set in a mining community in the Wakefield area of Yorkshire, the play told the life of the Parker sisters and their families from 1947 to 1988, including the miners' strike and the bitterness that caused. Full of humour and pathos, the play was also nominated for the comedy award at Wakefield and Viv Jacobs was nominated Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Mrs Potter, the neighbour from hell, who came into her own on the picket line. Youth was brilliantly represented in the production by Tim Jasper, as May's son Paul, Jack Evans as his mate Tosh, Sarah McGuinness and Janine Yaxley as girlfriends Kay and Cherry. The SPYS will be coming to the fore once again very soon, with their production of *The Wind in the Willows*.

See p.11 for details.



## Burmese and Chinese Disasters - Rotary Appeal

The Rotary Club of Sedgefield and our sister organisation the Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield wish to thank the community and visitors for their continued support of our fundraising activities, notably the Pork Bun and Homemade Cake stalls at Mediaeval Fayre.

A Rotary project, which we take part in every year with the help of your donations, is the filling and supply of Aquaboxes. These watertight containers with a supply of water-purifying tablets allow polluted water to be made safe and drinkable for a whole family. We fill the space within the box with essential items, destined for a family in a disaster area anywhere in the world. The boxes include up to 80 items such as; nails to nappies; soap to string; torches to toothpaste. There is another Rotary project called Shelter Box, bigger than Aquaboxes, pre-packed with all the basic needs to sustain a family for up to six months and includes a sturdy 10 man tent. Samples of both aid boxes will be on display on the Rotary Stand at Sedgefield Show on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

We are proud to announce that Rotary in Britain and Ireland has secured permission for four members of the Shelter Box Scheme to land in Yangon Myanmar (Burma) with 1,848 of life saving Shelter Boxes. Aquaboxes will be following and as you read this, five completed boxes filled by members of our twin organisations will have been sent to our national depot.

The massive response to the Burmese and Chinese disasters means that stocks are replenished as a matter of urgency because we never know when or where another disaster will strike; remember they don't all occur overseas. Our members are appealing to you for help; an Aquabox costs £50, which we then have to fill, a pre-packed 'Shelter Box' is £490.

Collection boxes will be in Theakston's Garage and Sedgefield Post Office for your donations. You can also help by donating some of the prescribed contents of the Aquaboxes, lists of which can be obtained from any member of Rotary or Inner Wheel or by contacting Helen on 01740 620562 or me 01740 622377 and also at the Rotary stand and display at Sedgefield Show.

Go to [www.aquabox.org/project.asp](http://www.aquabox.org/project.asp) for more details of the scheme.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope see you at Sedgefield Show.

*Basil Watson, President of the Rotary Club of Sedgefield*

*Helen Theakston, President of the Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield.*



# Community SAFETY



## Details of the Neighbourhood Watch meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Meeting:** There was a good turnout of members (not normal at this time of year) so thanks to everyone who made the effort to come along and give their feedback to our representatives from the Police & Borough, and it was a pleasure to use the newly refurbished Parish Hall.

**Community Force Officer Tim Spearey** issued a brief report, in particular informing members about a frequent complaint - school children & lunch problems. There is now an obligation for schools to only allow pupils going home for lunch to be outside school during lunch periods. This is being implemented by the College. There was discussion about this by members.

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Mel Elliot** was introduced to members by Vice - C/man David Hillerby. A member expressed concern about a recent Ringmaster message regarding "official" charity cold callers who would ask residents to hand over personal bank details at the doorstep.

A member suggested that the local authority (who grants licences to businesses to cold call) should require canvassers to leave envelopes so that forms would be completed in privacy & posted back to the host charity.

**Village Constable: Keith Todd** circulated his list of Reported Crime in Sedgefield Village for the period between 9<sup>th</sup> April & 10<sup>th</sup> June. There were **13 crimes**, including **Burglary, Theft, Damage & Arson**. Keith then gave more details about these crimes as well as other activities which do not appear as crimes; he explained why some are not recorded on his list (some are for technical reasons, some are administrative / procedure related & some, the victims do not want to proceed).

Members expressed frustration with the regular, mainly youth related intimidation, gatherings, alcohol abuse, littering, damage & violence occurring at weekends. Members emphasised they are not being critical of individual Police officers but are critical of the Durham Force who seem unable to commit the resources needed to stop the gatherings and in particular stop underage drinking (& whatever else) in public areas.

Keith advised members that there had been 15 calls to the Police in the last period about Anti Social Behaviour in the village and he stated that there had been two arrests for assault made last weekend (note these are not in the crime figures yet - for reasons as per above).

**No Cold Calling:** Regretfully members were advised there was nothing concrete to report yet; there are still problems over signs, insurance and wording; there needs to be further resolution before reporting back to members. There was some disquiet from members as they want the scheme in place.

**Police Pay Award:** A member recorded personal disgust at the decision announced today to not honour the pay award in full. Members fully agreed.

**W/end 6-8<sup>th</sup> June Village ASB:** A member read out an e-mail sent (10/06/08) to the Secretary regarding their particular experiences over last weekend. It detailed serious bad behaviour, criminal acts, and the seriously difficult problems in contacting the Police, some good response from the Police and some poor responses from the Police. Secretary was requested to contact our Community Inspector regarding this issue.

**N/H/Watch Executive Letter to Police 29/05/08:** This was read out to those present. The letter recorded appreciation for a number of recent good experiences from members (some reported to them by other residents) of dealings with the Police; these included contacts with the call centre team as well as our local beat team and officers from further afield. Experience was that over the last couple of months, contact with call centre personnel had mostly been prompt and efficient; overall Police actions and feedback to residents had been much better than previously - much appreciated.

**Note from Secretary** - Whilst this letter may appear to fly in the face of the events of 6-8<sup>th</sup> June it only serves to demonstrate there is both good and bad experiences that both the Police and the public encounter, and that this N/H/Watch does acknowledge and offer thanks for good experiences with the Police, and similarly does ask for more help where it is felt that is required.

**Youth Intimidation:** A member recently counted **52** young people milling about blocking the area outside the Fish shop, with obvious consequences.

**Cost of 0845 Police telephone number:** A member recorded an objection to being financially penalised by having to pay extra to use this none geographic tel. no. to contact local police.

**Scam e-mail:** Secretary read out details of e-mail handed to him by a resident (details passed to Durham Trading Standards & Mel post meeting).

**Telephone number 112:** - A leaflet was made available to members detailing the new rapid access number universal to Europe for the Emergency Services.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Parish Hall**

## PC Todd reports

This month I would like to mention two incidents for very different reasons. I hope that you will think about the circumstances of each case and apply it to your own work and family life to try and prevent similar occurrences again.

Firstly, a burglary occurred at a business premises on Front Street. Those responsible had brought a sledge hammer along. After smashing their way through the door, they helped themselves to expensive goods inside. Someone may have seen suspicious activity behind the shops during Mediaeval Fayre day. If so, please contact me at the Police Office.

The second incident - a disturbance on the village green - is a sad reflection, not only on a few mindless youths of the village, but also on the local adult males who joined in. This resulted in injuries to some people, and one arrest so far. I don't think that the coach party who stopped off for a quick drink were impressed with the foul mouthed and abusive reception that they received.

Most people would like to encourage visitors to this beautiful village, and if while doing so they spend a little, this can only be a positive step in maintaining the quality of pubs, restaurants and shops which we all use.

Until next time,  
*Keith*

## Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at the Crosshills pub and restaurant. The only incident reported was the disturbance on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June outside the Crosshills pub. Further information will be available after the police investigation.

### Relevant Telephone Numbers:

*(Remember if you don't contact them, the Police/Community Force don't know a problem exists)*

#### Community Warden Tim

**Spearey** at Sedgefield: **623654**  
or via Chilton Control Room ring:  
**01388 721351**

**Local Police: 0845 6060365** to report any concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police  
*(it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.)*

#### Crime Prevention Officer

Neil Langthorne, **01325 742714**  
and **Community Liaison Officer,**  
Melanie Elliot **01325 742755**  
*(for advice or assistance)*

# Jottings

## From Sedgefield Residents' Forum June meeting

**The Holiday Park Appeal** is on 8th-11th & 15th-16th July in the Pavilion Suite at the Racecourse. 10am start on the 8th, then 9.30am thereafter. Days finish at 5.30pm with a 1 hour lunch break 1pm. The programme is broadly:

Tuesday 8th July:

10am Inspector's opening:

10.30 Opening statements:

12.00 Council's evidence

Wednesday 9th:

09.30 Council's evidence:

15.00 Objectors' evidence

Thursday 10th:

09.30 Objectors' evidence:

14.00 Appellant's evidence

Friday 11th:

09.30 Appellant's evidence

Tuesday 15th:

09.30 Appellant's evidence:

14.00 Any other speakers:

15.00 Obligations and conditions

Wednesday 16th July:

09.30 Closings: 14.00 Site visit.

As it is a Public Hearing, anyone can attend for as little or as long as they wish. Anyone wishing to speak must make a request on the first day, then it is at the discretion of the inspector.

The working group has put an unbelievable amount of hours into preparing for the Appeal and hopes the community will show support, coming out in force to make your feelings felt, as you did for the initial planning application hearing. This is our last opportunity to pass on information prior to the Appeal so please watch the notice board outside the library.

Thanks to all who helped with the petition. If you have not signed you can still do so in the Council Office.

### Patient Participation Group

Representative reported discussions about a new service for extended opening hours for pre-bookable consultations. (See page 1)

The Practice is registered for Yellow Fever vaccine on request.

A Public Meeting re new health care provision will be held on 7th July in the Parish Hall from 1-3pm.

In accordance with NHS Efficiency Prescribing Guidelines, repeat prescriptions will be for a maximum of 28 days; these new guidelines will be monitored by the Practice.

**Agenda & minutes** available from Town Council Office and to read in the library.

**Next meeting:** Monday 7th July, 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

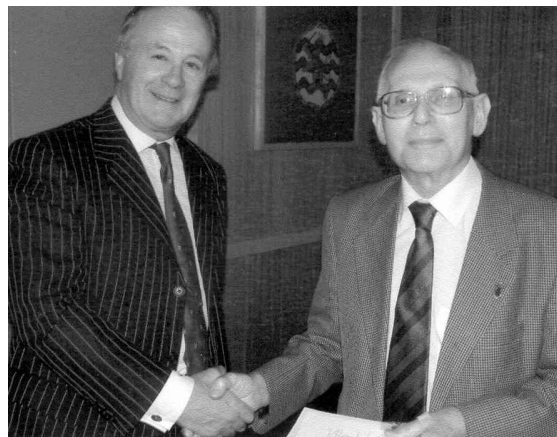
## A Man on a Mission?

Pictured receiving the  
**SSAFA-Forces Help  
15 year**

**Award and Badge,**  
Allan Smart, resident in  
Sedgefield for 46 years,  
sums up his personal  
philosophy thus:

"Try to put more into life  
than you take out".

His life story so far,  
outlined (regrettably  
briefly) this month shows  
he's kept his word.



Allan's friendly face is well known in Sedgefield circles, where he has been happy to volunteer his varied skills (pulling pints being just one of many!) in the service of the community. As Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, he has helped Sedgefield Players, the Drama Festival, Mediaeval Fayre and the SCA (he is their current Hon President) over many years.

However, his recent trip to County Hall to shake the hand of Major General Andrew Cumming CBE, controller of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, reveals a wider field of interest.

As a young man Allan was a conscript in the Royal Engineers for two and a half years and he as long been concerned with the welfare of service families. In fact his association with SSAFA-Forces Help goes back beyond his 15 years voluntary casework, where over 1000 successfully completed cases testify to his effectiveness; during his Social Work career he also worked very closely with the organisation.

Until 3 years ago Allan could count 5 voluntary posts with both national and local organisations - on retiring from his post as Senior Social Worker he had vowed he would never work for money again! He now retains just two - his one night a week on the bar in Ceddesfeld Hall, which he has done since it opened in 1975, and his casework for the 123 year old SSAFA-Forces Help.

Being proclaimed Citizen of the Year in 2001 was one of the proudest moments of Allan's almost 80 years - mention of which prompts the thought that his August 'Big Birthday' will surely see his family - wife Nancy, daughter, son and 5 grand-children - and friends gathered around him to celebrate once more.

Cheers, Allan - and many thanks!

## Shildon Counselling Service

### Free confidential counselling for adults

Are you feeling troubled, anxious or depressed? Are you struggling to make a big decision about changing your life? If you would like to talk to a trained professional counsellor, the Shildon Counselling Service is here to help you. We employ highly trained counsellors who know how to help people work through their problems and find solutions that improve their lives. And the best news is that you can refer yourself without needing to see your GP. There is no charge for our service. We obtain funding from the Primary Care Trust, donations and other sources to fund our service. Our independent charitable organisation has been based in Shildon for 8 years. It is led by volunteers with an interest in counselling who fund the service and employ qualified counsellors. In January 2008 we moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shildon Town Council Offices in Civic Hall Square. Counselling appointments are available throughout the week.

If you are over 18 and you would like to talk to a counsellor, please contact Shildon Counselling Service on 01388 773598 and speak to Paul, the Counselling Manager, or leave a message. You can also ask your GP, Probation Service or other agencies to refer you to this friendly service.

## Coach Trip to Wetherby & Knaresborough

There is still space on the coach for the Town Council trip which leaves the Parish Hall at 9am on **Thursday 17th July**, returning from Knaresborough at 5.30pm.

Tickets at £8 per person on sale at the Town Council Offices, tel: 621273

# SPORTS UPDATE *with chrisjlines@aol.com*



*Members of the Golden Lion darts team (left to right):  
Barry Warnet, Andy Davison, Graeme Newbould (landlord),  
Stewart Ireland, David Mann, Kevin Rowntree.*

Cricket comes to the fore this month, with a first update on the season so far from Sedgefield Cricket Club. The last issue included loads of news from the Sedgefield Harriers, so elsewhere we've slowed the pace down a bit this time with details of some great charity walks that have taken place recently. But first, we're almost stopping completely and heading inside for a darts & dominos update. The players may not move fast, but the competition is just as fierce!

**The Golden Lion darts team** has had a fantastic season, winning the Blue Star League, the Champion of Champions Cup, and ending up losing finalists in the Knockout Cup. Phil Taylor and the Ferryhill Flyer better beware - Golden Lion Arrows have you in their sights.

**The dominos team** had a mixed set of results, finishing seventh out

of ten in the league, fourth in the pairs, and bottom in the captain's. As a result, an early return to pre-season training is likely, with the onus on taking on 'board' the ability to get out of tight 'spots' and receiving fewer 'knocks' than their opponents. Thanks to Harry Ryder for the darts and dominos update - you can blame Harry for the puns.

## **Cricket**

The season is well and truly under-way and I should have a report on the season so far for the next issue (which I think I promised last time too!). It has been quite a momentous few weeks in the wider world of cricket, with developments in Twenty20 creating a whole new financial ball game.

The first Indian Premier League has just finished, minus England players, and has proved to be very successful. During the tournament, stars were earning a reputed

£100,000 per week, putting them on par with leading footballers. On the back of that, a Champion's League has been announced for October, which will see the best domestic Twenty20 teams from around the world battling it out for a \$5 million prize fund. Meanwhile, Texan billionaire Sir Allen Stanford is bankrolling 20/20 for 20, a series of five annual 'winner takes all' games between England and the Stanford Superstars. Each game is worth \$4 million for the winning team, with the first taking place on 1st November in the Caribbean. I think that when Durham last won a four day County Championship match, the team received £1,350 to share. In anyone's language, that represents quite a contrast.

Inevitably, the rise of Twenty20 is going to have a huge impact on the game of cricket and there are justifiable concerns that the longer forms, including Test Match cricket, will suffer as focus shifts. Well, I haven't the time or space to explore all of that here. Personally, I do enjoy the 'wham, bang' of Twenty20 for what it is, but ultimately I derive more pleasure from the longer versions of cricket, especially Test Matches. I'm just not sure that the generations following me will agree.

Durham County Cricket Club, ambitious as ever, is attempting to dominate all forms of the domestic game this season. The club's defence of the Friend's Provident Trophy has been nail-biting, but they have made it to a home semi-final, against Kent, on 4th July. In the County Championship, Durham are handily placed in the top division. And with an eye on the money, they are (at the time of writing this) on course for the quarter finals of the Twenty20 Cup, so a lucrative Champion's League place is still on the cards.

## **A few dates for your diary**

First, on Thursday 10th July the Sedgefield Harriers will host their Summer Handicap. Starting at 6.30pm near Fishburn, the 6.5 miles off-road course follows a very scenic route and is organised on a 'turn-up-and-run' basis with no entry fee. All are welcome - contact Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or ean2005@hotmail.co.uk for details. Then Harriers' main annual event which attracts runners from across the region, is the second running of the **Sedgefield Serpentine** during Sedgefield Show on 9th August. The race starts at 1pm in the showground and follows an

## **Shay Given Foundation Summer Football Courses at Sedgefield Community College**

4 day course from 10am-3pm Monday - Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August  
Cost £40. For boys and girls aged from 5 to 15 years  
goal keeping and outfield sessions  
plus other sports to cater for both girls and boys.

**For information and booking form, contact us by e mail at shaygivenfoundation@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07919098729**

Every child booked on the course will be invited free of charge to a Christmas party at St James' Park to meet Shay Given.

Family members will be given the opportunity to attend.

One child (aged 10 to 14) on the course will be chosen to meet Shay at pitch side prior to a first team match at SJP and be offered a place as a ball boy/girl. Match ticket for the parent/guardian  
Every child on the course will receive a signed photo of Shay



attractive, undulating course of approximately 6.5 miles. Entry fee is £10 (£8 for a club runner) and includes a gift and goody bag. There's a 1.5 miles junior fun run before the main race (£2 entry fee payable on the day). Contact Matthew Jones on 07866 441097 for more details.

Finally, exactly a week later it's the inaugural Crosshills FC Summer BBQ at the cricket club on Saturday 16th August, with knockout cricket competition, soft play equipment for kids, quiz with prizes, raffle and karaoke/disco. It starts at 1.30pm, food later in the afternoon and the entertainment during the evening. Ticket prices - adults £6, U16s £3, U6s free, from David Ryder on 07515 020766.

As ever, send yousporting news to me - [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

### Cricket Club July fixtures First Team

Saturday 5th v Middlesbrough  
Thursday 10th v Middlesbrough  
Saturday 12th v Darlington  
Thursday 17th v Thornaby  
Saturday 19th v Guisborough

### Second Team

Saturday 5th v Bedale  
Wednesday 9th v Thornaby  
Wednesday 16th v Marton  
Saturday 19th v Redcar

### Third Team

Sunday 6th v Bishop Auckland  
Sunday 20th v Marske

### Under 17's

Monday 7th v Norton  
Monday 14th v Seaton Carew

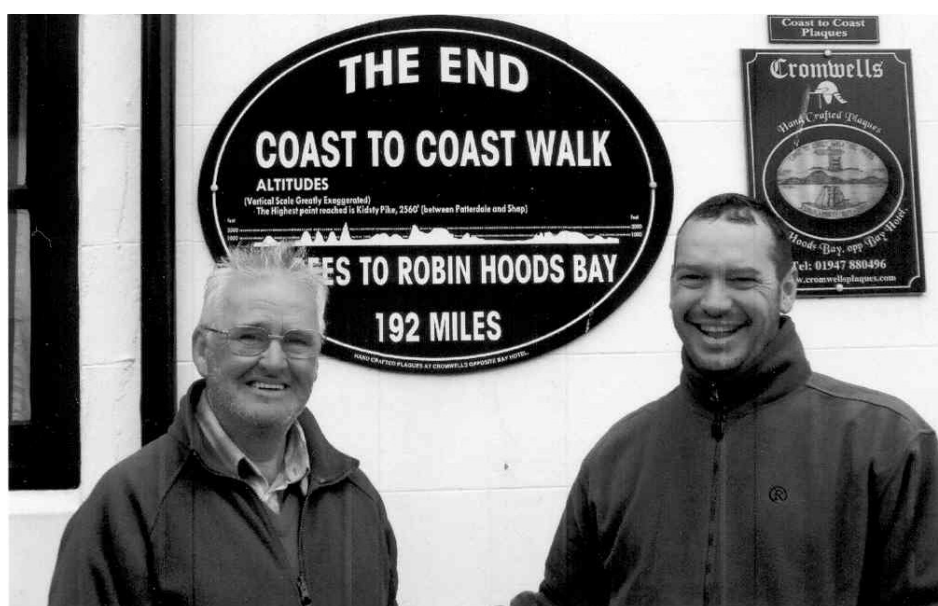
*Other cup games played at short notice so check fixture info at the club.*

## A well earned pint!

On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008 I set off in the company of a good friend, Graham Milne from Bishop Auckland Golf Club, to walk the Coast to Coast walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire. Ahead of us were 190 miles and about 23,000 feet of climbing over a 10 day period. The walk took us through three National Parks - Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors, where we expected to see some wonderful scenery. Unfortunately the visibility was pretty poor most of the time, with a fair bit of rain, sleet and hail, but we still had some interesting vistas. To make it a wee bit harder we encountered strong winds in our face on the Yorkshire Moors.

We did, however, complete the walk in the 10 days, and met some very interesting people, including a group of Australian sheep farmers who had travelled around the world to walk the Coast to Coast, and also a couple of Geordie lads, one of whom was Sting, out for a walk in the Lake District. Overall the walk was hard, but we had a sense of achievement on completion and would like to thank all the people in Sedgefield, members of Bishop Auckland Golf Club, and all other friends who sponsored us on the walk. We have raised the sum of £3,603 for the charity Charlie Bear for Cancer Care, which with Gift Aid added will give a total of around £4,600.

*Ian Thomson*



## Mid Summer Madness Family BBQ

1st Sedgefield Scout Group is holding a

### Mid Summer Madness Family BBQ on Saturday 12th July

We would love you to come along and join us!

There will be activities for children, a bar for the adults & good food for all.

The BBQ will be lit at 5.30pm in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall and a disco and karaoke will round off the evening.

**Admission is by ticket only** Cost is £4.50 adult/£3 child from Selections or call John Roper 07774 158402 or Joanne Martin 01740 629716.

**Tickets need to be purchased by 9th July.**

## Celebrate 60 Years of the NHS

**at Hardwyke Day Hospital, Sedgefield Community Hospital  
on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10am - 3pm**

Display boards will show the history of the NHS

Age Concern advice for Carers/Families; Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and others on hand for your enquiries;  
Therapies to try out; Tombola; Live music 10.30-11.30 am;  
Light refreshments

**Please come and join us for an interesting day.  
Everyone is welcome.**

## Great chance to see World Class Cycling

Some of the world's top professional cyclists will pass through Sedgefield on Friday 12th September at around 10.50am, when stage 6 of the Tour of Britain heads north between Darlington and the banks of the Tyne. It will be over in a flash, but it is a spectacular sight and there will be sponsors and a publicity caravan (usually with freebies to give away) ahead of the peloton.

It may mean restricted traffic for a short period of time through the village, but it will be well worth it for a global sporting event to pass through our village.

*(Highly recommended... I chanced upon the Milk Race as it shot through Sedgefield some years ago and was completely dazzled by the spectacle. Ed)*

[www.tourofbritain.com](http://www.tourofbritain.com)

# July Events Diary

## Sedgefield Gardening Club

Ceddesfeld Hall at 730 pm

### Tuesday 1st July

House Plants -  
a talk by Richardsons  
*All welcome*

No meeting in August

## Sedgefield WI

### Wednesday 2nd July

7.15pm in the Parish Hall  
"Orchids" - Chris Barker  
Members' competition -  
Photo of your summer garden  
*Visitors always welcome - £2*

## DIDO

### Wednesday 2nd July

Town Trip - see p 2

## Sedgefield Players

### Youth Section presents

#### The Wind in the Willows

a play by Richard Hills, based on  
the novel by Kenneth Grahame

**7 pm** (please note earlier start)

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

in Sedgefield Parish Hall

Tickets £6 (Concessions £5) from  
Selections, Members of The Players  
or call 621000 or 620 091

## SCA Ceddesfeld Hall

### Beer Festival

#### Friday/Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>

Selection of 18 real ales!

## Sedgefield Mags

### Monday 7th July

8pm in the Nag's Head

'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all  
Newcastle United home games

## Local History Society

7.45pm at Ceddesfeld Hall

### Monday July 7th

Gordon Morris

### Windlestone and its people - the later Edens

*All welcome*

## Residents' Forum

### Monday 7th July at 7pm

in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

## CeddesFolk Traditional Acoustic Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

### Wednesday 9th July

Join our line up of fiddles, whistles,  
squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

## Sedgefield Civic Trust

### Thursday 10th July

7pm in the Parish Hall  
*Everyone welcome*

## 1st Sedgefield Scout Group

Mid Summer Madness

Family BBQ

### Saturday 12th July

Full details on page 7

## Sedgefield Farmers' Market

### Sunday 13th July

on the Village Green

## North East

### Concertina Players

#### Sunday 13th July

at 2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall  
(Beginners meet on the 2nd & 4th  
Sundays of the month at 1pm)

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

### District Flower Club

#### Tuesday 15th July

#### Coffee Evening at

61 Station Road from 7pm

*All Welcome*

## Veterans Group

### Monthly meeting

(including a mystery object quiz)

#### Thursday 17th July

at 7pm in the Parish Hall

*New Members always welcome*

## Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

#### Monday 21st July

#### Visit to Teesside Archives

Middlesbrough

For more information please ring

Sylvia Hall 01740 620367

*Visitors are always welcome*

## Sedgefield Wildlife Group

#### Thursday 24th July

Visit to Castle Lake at

Bishop Middleham

Meet Parish Hall car park at

6.30pm. Further details from

Steve Ashton 620559

*All Welcome*

## Sedgefield Show

### Next meeting

#### Thursday 24th July

Nag's Head 8pm

*Everyone welcome*

## All-Laughter Show

Parish Hall

#### Tuesday 29th July

80 minute show starts 2 pm

Tickets £2.50 Children under 3 free

Details on website

www.sandowclowns.co.uk

In aid of CLICSargent

Cancer in Childhood Charity

(Charity No 1107328)

A FREE service to non-  
commercial organisations

## July @ Sedgefield Library

### Toy Library

Wednesdays 2nd & 16th, 10am

### Tickle Time

Mondays 9th & 23rd, 2.15-3pm

### Rhyme Time

Wednesdays 9th & 23rd, 10-11am

### Summer holiday activities

for children include

reading challenge, crafts,

stories & entertainment.

Contact the library for more details

## 101 Gigs in July

04 - Duke Of Cumberland, G'head

05 - The Penny Black, Hartburn

### 06 - The Black Lion, Sedgefield

13 - The Royalty, Sunderland

16 - Shamrox, Durham (Tim Lowe  
Solo Acoustic)

18 - The Lord Nelson, Stockton

19 - Ye Olde Horseshoe, Crook

20 - The Normanby, Normanby

10 - The Vic, Saltburn

25 - The Board Inn, Stanley

26 - Station Hotel, Redcar

27 - The Crown, Brotton

31 - The Swan, Billingham

## Round Table

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

Sporting, social and charitable  
events - new members welcome

**Contact Rob on 629079**

## Ladies' Circle

### 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable  
events - new members welcome

**Contact Viv on 629079**

## Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall.

## Mother & Toddler Group

Methodist Church

Mondays from 1.15 - 2.45 pm

Term time only. Call 620572

## Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church Hall

Tel 621618

Vacancies for children aged 2

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.15-11.45

## St Edmund's Church

Weddings and Baptisms can be  
arranged in church on Thursdays

at 6.30pm.

**July events at St Edmund's  
see page 12**

## Looking ahead -

### Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

**Saturday 2nd August**



### Belt up!

In response to last month's offering from our self appointed Police/traffic spokesperson, Mr Smeeton.

Whilst acknowledging the amusement his letter brought to all who know me, regarding being mistaken for a (quote) DIED-In-The-Wool-Criminal, which I assume the writer intended to convey Dyed as in confirmed, and not Died as in deceased.

Once again his talent for completely missing the point, plus his scant regard to the facts have surfaced, and what followed was speculative nonsense. This talent would be better served in corresponding with the tabloids who never allow the facts to obstruct a story line. Or perhaps Terry Wogan's radio show, which is founded upon characters with a propensity to confuse fact from fiction. They however have the saving grace of charm and a sense of humour.

For the record, my complaint against the Police for aggressive and excessive behaviour was upheld by the Police Complaints Commission, investigated by the department of professional standards and legal services, at Aykley Heads Headquarters, the issue resolved and the offending officer dealt with to my satisfaction, FACT.

In conclusion I would advise anyone who has been subject to aggressive and inappropriate Policing to register a complaint before this apparent drop in standards becomes the norm. As for our spokesperson, a word of caution in the form of a proverb, People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

*Mrs J Hewitt*

### Thanks again, Sedgfield, Bradbury and Mordon

A final total of £4,202.50 was raised during this year's Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection. This amount will be further increased by approximately £326 as a result of the completed Gift Aid declarations made on £1,306 of the amount collected. Thank you to all who contributed to this substantial amount, which will

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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 very worthwhile cause.

*David and Margaret Glass*

### Shame on you

I was very disappointed to find an empty carryout tray lodged behind the stones at the War Memorial. Maybe out of sight, but an obscenity nonetheless.

This Memorial to two generations is dedicated to men, maybe little more than boys – who joined the Battle, risked and gave their lives for us far from the love and comfort of home and family.

Think about it, you who desecrate, they lie in graves or fly on the wind so that we could live in peace and beauty.

While you must have sat there that night enjoying your carryout, did you give one fleeting thought to the names engraved on the stone?

Names engraved in stone, but they were men loved by someone.

*Mrs. Maureen Semmens*

### Salon Silver! 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Having had the good fortune and pleasure to have had a hairdressing business in the village of Sedgfield for the past 25 years, I should like to thank and express my appreciation to all those who have supported me during this time – my present staff, Jeannette and Paula, friends and customers, both past and present, from babies, mums and dads to grandparents.

I hope all have enjoyed their visits to the salon and that they will continue to do so in the future, when they and new clients can be assured of a relaxing but interesting atmosphere where our dedication, experience and help is foremost to our clientele.

Thank you all

*Barbara Hall,*

*A Cut Above*

## Sedgfield Veterans

would like to thank the person who finished off the grass cutting around the War Memorial at St Luke's Church, Winterton. The Veterans have now made arrangements for the grass round the memorial to be cut on a regular basis.

## Friends of St Edmund's Flower Festival & Concert Weekend

**Thursday 10th July**

Official Opening by Pam Royle  
by Invitation only

### Concerts

in St Edmund's Church at 7.30pm

**Friday 11th July**

The Alex Ord Trio & Pieces of Eight

**Saturday 12th July**

Two Time Chorus,  
Sedgfield Handbell Ringers,  
Buttons (concertina players)  
& Tim & Ciaran Jasper

**Tickets £6 per concert**  
from Selections

### Flower Festival

Fri 11th & Sat 12th, 10am - 5pm

Entry by programme - **£3**

Sunday 13th, 11.30am - 5pm - **£2**  
Also Artwork on display in church

### Festival Communion Service

10am on Sunday 13th

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